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REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING

Mike's Place  
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COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

William Thomas, Chairman  
Lonnie Anderson  
Bert Adams  
Millie Stevens  
Butch Laiti  
Mary Rudolph  
Floyd Kookesh  
Patricia Phillips  
Richard Stokes  
Vicki L. LeCornu  
Marilyn Wilson  
Fred Clark, Regional Coordinator

## P R O C E E D I N G S

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3 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Good morning ladies and  
4 gentlemen. This is our last day and I want to take a moment  
5 here to thank those that helped prepared that wonderful  
6 evening we had last night out at the T&H building. I've  
7 heard nothing but rave reviews about that and we were hoping  
8 you'd bring breakfast here this morning, but that didn't  
9 work. So Douglas Indian Association can be proud of  
10 themselves for the outstanding hosts they've been and give us  
11 a chance to know a little bit more about the Douglas Indian  
12 Association. Our agenda from now is going to be somewhat  
13 different than what we've seen in the past and we're going to  
14 be dealing with to, to the best of my understanding with  
15 fisheries related items from now on, for the rest of this  
16 agenda, so we're into new territory now. I'm going to turn  
17 the agenda over to the only qualified individual on the  
18 planet, Fred Clark.

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20 MR. CLARK: I was looking for a raise, Mr.  
21 Chairman, but not quite that much of one, thank you.

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23 On the agenda under call for proposals to change  
24 Federal Subsistence Fisheries regulations under Tab W, this  
25 is our first time to call for proposals of this type in the  
26 program in Southeast. There are and have been proposal forms  
27 available on the table. I know that some Council members  
28 have developed the, kind of outlines, for proposals, and  
29 Staff will be very happy to work with Council members and  
30 other people in attendance here to develop and flesh out  
31 proposals for changing Federal Subsistence Fisheries  
32 regulations.

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34 I would think that it would be good if Council  
35 members -- starting with Council members, if you had some  
36 ideas for proposals, that we could bring those up for some  
37 short discussion and then we could work on the details of  
38 those either later or on the telephone or -- you know, we  
39 don't have to do everything here is what I'm trying to say.

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41 Mr. Chairman.

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43 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: I'd like to mention one  
44 thought that was brought to me from Prince of Wales,  
45 particularly Klawock River and Sarkar. And Dave probably has  
46 more intimate information around that than I do. And I don't  
47 mean to catch you short, Dave, and if you don't that's okay,  
48 but we'll appreciate any guidance you can give us from what  
49 you understand about that. And the concern that was

50 presented to me, verbally, was that the decline of available

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1 sockeye in the Klawock River is really of a concern to the  
2 people of that area that use that for their personal use  
3 fishery.

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5 Now, in the past when I lived out there, that was  
6 never the case. There was always -- that was always a very  
7 strong and a healthy run. And there wasn't any human  
8 altering activities in that system that I knew of at the  
9 time. But since the inception of the hatchery and some of  
10 the other things that goes on with fishing programs and just  
11 the nature of harvesting salmon has had a real negative  
12 impact on those two runs that I know of. There could be more  
13 that I haven't heard about and Dave probably does.

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15 And so the reason I'm mentioning this is if we can  
16 generate a proposal with enough information to justify our  
17 proposal for submitting -- I don't think we can be too early  
18 on this in this particular case.

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20 MR. JOHNSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman,  
21 Council. Dave Johnson, Forest Service Craig. I think it's  
22 important to note that the Board of Fish just recently met  
23 and, again, I want to be clear this is the State process, but  
24 there were a number of proposals that came before the Board  
25 of Fish to change regulations. I'd be more than glad to make  
26 copies of those, I have the results from the Board of Fish  
27 meeting that came back with their recommendations or their  
28 decision, I should say, to the Department. And, again, I'm  
29 not speaking on behalf of the Department either but I think  
30 it's important for the Council to see what this other  
31 regulatory body decided about the proposals that related to  
32 sockeye on Sarkar, Red Lake, Carta, Klawock and Hatchery  
33 Creek. Those are the five systems, that off the top of my  
34 head, that I know for sure were discussed.

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36 With respect to Klawock, a couple of things are  
37 important for the Council to know, last year, about a year  
38 ago, right now, the Prince of Wales Hatchery Association in  
39 cooperation with several, in fact, most of the key  
40 stakeholders held a sockeye summit in Klawock, and basically  
41 it was to identify issues and to document some of the  
42 historical escapement. Klawock has had a history of a  
43 hatchery there, it has had a weir there. There's a number of  
44 canneries that were located in the vicinity of the Klawock  
45 River throughout the last several decades up until the, I  
46 believe, the '60s, early '70s.

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48 So in response, Mr. Chairman, we can have copies of  
49 this made. I don't have any specific comment on what the

50 Council's wishes may be but I'd be more than glad to make

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1 that available to the Council.

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3 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Thank you. One thing that  
4 was mentioned to me in this whole thought, now, it's the  
5 suspicion of the person that I was talking to that some of  
6 the fish that are being tended to and targeted by the  
7 hatchery may be predatory to the egg and the fry of the  
8 sockeye. They admit that they don't know that to be a fact.  
9 And they wanted to explore that further, to see if, in fact,  
10 that was the case, and if it was the case, then, I think, the  
11 ambition then was to make the sockeye the preferred priority  
12 protected species in that system. Is that kind of what you  
13 got?

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15 MR. JOHNSON: Well, that's certainly one of  
16 the concerns. I guess a couple other comments, a week ago I  
17 gave copies, I believe, of the bullets that we recorded a  
18 week ago in Ketchikan when we meet with commfish and several  
19 other, Matt -- Matt Kookesh was there, Bob Schroeder and the  
20 Klawock system, again, in response, partly to the Board of  
21 Fish decision, commfish has until October to put together a  
22 strategy for involving the stakeholders in a comprehensive  
23 management plan for that system. And so I would defer to the  
24 commfish biologist in terms of the actual management of  
25 what's going to be developed in terms of that part of the  
26 process.

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28 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Is that person in the room  
29 today?

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31 MR. JOHNSON: Phil Doherty, no, I don't  
32 believe anybody's here. Mike Turek was at that meeting, Bob  
33 Schroeder was at that meeting, and certainly they may want to  
34 make some comments. I guess the only other comment, in  
35 addition to Klawock, is that, the personal use season and bag  
36 limits have been reduced on, at least, one or more of the  
37 sockeye systems on Prince of Wales. Specifically Hatchery  
38 Creek has gone from a 10 fish harvest to five, whereas the  
39 sportfish bag limit has stayed at six and I can't speak to  
40 the commercial fish harvest regs, I don't know if there's  
41 been any changes made in those regs or not.

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43 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Is this of the same  
44 species?

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46 MR. JOHNSON: Sockeye, that's correct.

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48 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: So the sport are allowed  
49 six and the personal use is five?



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1 MR. JOHNSON: That's correct.

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3 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay. The reason I mention  
4 this is it seems to me like a system that is visible enough,  
5 a system with a lot of history, a system that should have  
6 pretty -- at least pretty good data on it and some ideas,  
7 realizing that the intent up to now was probably focused in  
8 areas other than personal use or subsistence. And what I'm  
9 trying to encourage is that we move that effort into the area  
10 of, not so much necessarily a user group but to do something  
11 to strengthen that whole system.

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13 MR. JOHNSON: Exactly. And Mr. Chairman, I'd  
14 be more than glad if the Council would like to have copies of  
15 the sockeye summit that was held last year, I think that  
16 would be valuable information on kind of -- well, we went  
17 back to the late 1800s with some of the actual ADF&G because  
18 at that time the Department of Fish and Game actually  
19 operated that hatchery, since that time the hatchery system  
20 has been turned over to a non-profit corporation and the  
21 State no longer manages it. But I think that information  
22 would be important for the Council. I can make copies of the  
23 Board of Fish decisions that occurred recently. And by the  
24 way, that's not just on Klawock, again, back to these other  
25 systems. And I think it's noteworthy, too, Mr. Chairman,  
26 that the proposals that went in for protecting and making  
27 changes that would actually result in a restriction to the  
28 personal use harvesters were people from the community of  
29 Klawock, Tommy George and Jeff Nickerson were the ones that  
30 submitted these proposals out of concern for the system and  
31 actually would result in a restriction to the amount of fish  
32 that they would be able to take or where they would be able  
33 to fish. So I think that's important to note that they were  
34 more concerned about the system than concerned about what  
35 affects it may have on them personally in terms of their  
36 ability to harvest.

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38 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay. What I was hoping to  
39 do was to begin the generation of a proposal before we  
40 adjourn this session. And we may not be able to complete it  
41 today with our justification but if we can get it started, do  
42 some research on it to make sure our justification is  
43 complimentary to the intent of the proposal and then move it  
44 forward from there. But I would like us to start moving some  
45 proposals forward soon.

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47 Does that sound doable? We'll come back to this as  
48 soon as I get two nods.

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MR. JOHNSON: I'll make some copies of this

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1 so that you can at least see what the proposals were that  
2 went before the Board of Fish.

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4 MR. JOHNSON: Okay. And then that's at least  
5 information you'll have.

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7 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay. So just keep in  
8 mind, before we adjourn today I'd like to see some language  
9 at least started in the direction of a proposal for whatever  
10 systems we know about, at least, on Prince of Wales. If we  
11 need to expand that with other information, I think we should  
12 take time to do that as well.

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14 Okay. So that's all I'll say about that for now to  
15 allow Fred to help us move along with whatever else we have  
16 before us. Fred. Thank you for your indulgence.

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18 MR. CLARK: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Were  
19 there other Council members that wanted to bring forward  
20 ideas for proposals at this point?

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22 MR. STOKES: Yes.

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24 MR. CLARK: Dick Stokes.

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26 MR. STOKES: Well, I have something to  
27 present, yes.

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29 MR. ANDERSON: Fred, I will submit some  
30 proposals once I get back to Kake and get my group together  
31 on fisheries.

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33 MR. CLARK: Very good, Lonnie.

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35 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Were these Prince of Wales  
36 systems?

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38 MR. ANDERSON: No, this would be the  
39 Kupreanof systems.

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41 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: No, for goodness sakes.  
42 Okay.

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44 MR. CLARK: Dick.

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46 MR. STOKES: Yes. I have one for the crab  
47 fishing set aside and I have three for the subsistence  
48 sockeye fishing near Wrangell and that would be a total of  
49 four.



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1 MR. CLARK: Could you briefly tell us what  
2 the topics of the proposals would be?

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4 MR. STOKES: Well, number 1, we'd like to set  
5 aside an area for subsistence crab fishing in front of  
6 Wrangell due to the fact that once the commercial season  
7 opens we don't get any more.

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9 And, two, we'd like to change the subsistence catch  
10 from 10 to 50 in Salmon Bay and extend the season from August  
11 31st to August 15th. The reason to extend that is that the  
12 run has been about two weeks later than usual for the past  
13 few years. And the reason we would like to raise the limit  
14 is that coming from Wrangell in a small boat, the fuel is  
15 about 2.50 a gallon now and we have to run about 80 miles and  
16 it would be more cost effective for us and instead of making  
17 five trips we can do it in one.

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19 And the third one would be the same for Mill Creek,  
20 extend the harvest days at Mill Creek and at Thoms Creek from  
21 July 31st to August 15th. Because the run has been late  
22 there also.

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24 MS. WILSON: What place is that?

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26 MR. STOKES: Mill Creek or Virginia Lake  
27 Creek, and Thoms Creek, that's T-h-o-m-s. And we' like to  
28 change the limit there from 10 to 20 for the same reasons.

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30 And the fourth one, we would like to establish a  
31 subsistence fishery on the Stikine River. From ancient days  
32 through the days up to the late '30s or early '40s, we used  
33 to fish there. And the Talltan Indians from Telegraph Creek,  
34 they are able to fish on the Stikine and many of them right  
35 at the mouth of the Talltan River. They have their nets  
36 right there within a 100 yards of the mouth of the stream.

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38 So those are the four that I'd like to present.

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40 MR. CLARK: Thank you, Dick. It sounds like  
41 there may be some jurisdictional questions with the crab  
42 fisheries but we'd be happy to work with you and State staff  
43 to find out what the appropriate method for getting that  
44 proposal moved forward, whether it's in the Federal system or  
45 the State system.

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47 MR. STOKES: Yeah.

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49 MR. CLARK: Okay.



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1 MR. STOKES: Thank you, Fred.

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3 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Butch.

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5 MR. LAITI: Butch Laiti, Douglas Indian  
6 Association.

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8 MR. CLARK: You'll have to move that  
9 microphone a little bit, Butch.

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11 MR. LAITI: Right now one of the issues I'd  
12 like to bring up is Snettisham. We have concerns that the  
13 State and the hatcheries are in there destroying the wild  
14 sockeye runs and we'd like this investigated. They have a  
15 personal use fishery down there but it's up in the river  
16 where a lot of the old-timers can't get up there. We'd like  
17 to know about whether the boundary lines could be moved out  
18 into open water where they could use a short gillnet.

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20 MR. CLARK: Do I understand it correctly that  
21 what you'd like to look at is the subsistence fisheries  
22 regulations for the Taku River?

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24 MR. LAITI: Snettisham.

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26 MR. CLARK: Snettisham River?

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28 MR. LAITI: Yeah, we'll deal with Taku later.

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30 MR. CLARK: Sorry.

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32 MR. LAITI: But right now they have shut  
33 parts of Snettisham off and the hatchery boats have been in  
34 there fishing, I don't know, anywhere from five to seven days  
35 a week fishing out the wild stock sockeyes. They claim  
36 they're fishing hatchery fish but there's a wild stock run  
37 there that we have a question about.

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39 The personal use fishery is on a different part of  
40 Snettisham but it's up over flats and stuff where a lot of  
41 the old-timers can't get to and we'd like to see if we could  
42 move the boundary line out into open water where they could  
43 use short drift gillnets to get their personal use.

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45 MR. CLARK: We'll work with you in looking at  
46 the current Federal regulations and the State regulations and  
47 workout the details on that.

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49 MR. LAITI: Yeah. And on the Taku, we have

50 concerns in the Juneau area here that these hatcheries are

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1 going, they're out of control, there's just millions of fish  
2 they're producing with no consequences of what's going on  
3 everywhere. As a commercial fisherman, I know that they're  
4 dumping carcasses all over, stripping salmon roe just for the  
5 roe and dumping the carcasses, and it's gotten way out of  
6 control. So you know, if you look at the numbers of hatchery  
7 fish these hatcheries are producing and how many hatcheries  
8 are around here, you know, it's ludicrous. So we'd like, I  
9 don't know how you could do it, to investigate it, but it's  
10 just a monster out of control.

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12 Another thing we have concerns about is our sockeye  
13 came back small this year in the Taku and our cohos and I've  
14 talked to people over Alaska and I found out their cohos are  
15 coming back small and no one has an answer for that. And I  
16 think maybe it has to do with the hatchery fish in the ocean  
17 eating up all the feed. And nobody will answer that, the  
18 State Fish and Game and no one -- you know, they say that  
19 there's a lot of feed in the ocean but I don't think they  
20 know. I think these things need to be looked into.

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22 MR. CLARK: Is that all, Butch.

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24 MR. LAITI: If I get fired up I could go all  
25 day I bet. But, yeah, that's it for now, we'll make up some  
26 proposals and stuff.

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28 MR. CLARK: I think that we will have a  
29 chance to address some of these issues in a little more  
30 detail with respect to project information -- project  
31 gathering -- information gathering project proposals in the  
32 future.

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34 MR. LAITI: We will have time to make  
35 proposals, then, right?

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37 MR. CLARK: Yes.

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39 MR. LAITI: All right, thank you.

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41 MR. CLARK: Just for your information, the  
42 due date on proposals is the 27th of this month. So we do  
43 have several days yet to get things together.

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45 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: I think Lonnie has one.

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47 MR. ANDERSON: Mr. Chairman, I would like to  
48 make two or three proposals. One is the subsistence crab  
49 fishing in the proximity of Kake, Portage Bay, and Hamilton



50 Bay. Also sockeye in the proximity of Pillar Bay, Falls

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1 Creek. Those are the primary areas that we harvest our  
2 subsistence fish.

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4 MR. CLARK: Okay.

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6 MR. ANDERSON: Those would be the areas on  
7 the proposal that we would like to have regulated or looked  
8 at.

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10 MR. CLARK: And we'll -- you'll be able to  
11 work out some specific on those, about how you'd like the  
12 regulations to read?

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14 MR. ANDERSON: Yes.

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16 MR. CLARK: Great.

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18 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Is there anybody in the  
19 audience that has any knowledge of the Basket Bay system for  
20 sockeye?

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22 MS. CULP: Yes.

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24 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Is it doing good, is it in  
25 trouble? Basket Bay? (In Native)

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27 MS. CULP: I don't know any personal -- the  
28 personal.....

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30 MR. CLARK: You need to come to the mic,  
31 please, Wanda.

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33 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: My oil slick.

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35 MS. CULP: I don't know from personal  
36 experience but I know that the ones that do use Basket Bay  
37 are out there getting fish and the sockeye and I haven't  
38 heard no complaints.

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40 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: So from the information  
41 that comes by you, it sounds like it's holding its own okay,  
42 uh?

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44 MS. CULP: Yes. There is a system in  
45 Excursion Inlet that's at risk right now, it's not -- the  
46 State has closed it.

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48 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: What's it called?

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MS. CULP: Neva River.

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1 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Neva River?

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3 MS. CULP: I believe. Yeah, there's that  
4 wasteful Excursion Inlet operation there and their crew goes  
5 into the river and they're fishing out of there all the time.  
6 These are out of state people that come up just to work in  
7 the cannery and they're hauling the sockeye off by untold  
8 hundreds of thousands.....

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10 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Millions.

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12 MS. CULP: .....of pounds as well as the new  
13 -- they have a fish camp there on Dunken's Camp, it's Utah  
14 owned. It's out of state owned and run, just came up over  
15 night. And they have a 50 person fish camp on Dunken's Camp  
16 that they built year before last over the winter, they built  
17 it without any State or Federal permits and they're in  
18 operation now. Their operation is bringing in 50 people at  
19 a time each week into the camp to fish and they're hauling  
20 out unmonitored halibut, crab, sockeye, all the prime fish  
21 that it's illegal for us to get. The State of Alaska, when  
22 it comes into Hoonah does not allow -- does not let for  
23 subsistence permits into the rivers near us, we got to go off  
24 a ways. But the nearest sockeye stream near us is near  
25 Hoonah, is traditionally used by the Hoonah people and that's  
26 Neva River. And the Hoonah people still get some sockeye out  
27 of there but it's at risk right now because of this  
28 enterprise coming in and again it's sportfish and it has to  
29 do with out of state. So when -- I hope there isn't going to  
30 be any hatcheries going crazy on sockeye because our sockeye  
31 stock is -- wild stock is getting to be precious to us.

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33 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay. Now, as far as you  
34 know the Neva River system could sustain a personal use  
35 harvest, right?

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37 MS. CULP: It could sustain a customary and  
38 traditional use harvest. The personal use, there's people  
39 that live in the inlet year-round now and the take, it  
40 wouldn't be noticeable compared to what the summer workers  
41 and the outside tourists are hauling off every year right  
42 under our noses. It goes unmonitored by the Fish and Game.  
43 It's sportsfishing so it's okay.

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45 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay. Situations like that  
46 we'll have to explore in order for us to come up with  
47 intelligent rationale so that we can support whatever  
48 position we establish with that. But thank you for your  
49 input.



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1 MS. CULP: Thank you.

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3 MR. ADAMS: Mr. Chairman.

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5 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Bert.

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7 MR. ADAMS: It looks to me like in this  
8 situation here there is some conflict between the State and  
9 Feds management and I'm kind of wondering, you know, where  
10 does the State's regulatory jurisdiction end and the Feds  
11 take place? I'm kind of confused in this area so if somebody  
12 could enlighten me I'd sure appreciate it.

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14 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: We need some enlightening  
15 up here.

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17 MR. JOHNSON: Cal can correct me if I'm wrong  
18 on this but my understanding is, at least, on the Tongass,  
19 that we currently, the Forest Service currently has  
20 jurisdiction on all freshwater within the boundaries of the  
21 Tongass National Forest only for fin fish or anadgermous  
22 species for subsistence. We don't have saltwater  
23 jurisdiction, we don't have other non-anadgermous species,  
24 and a few exceptions there are some trout regulations that  
25 relate to Forest Service jurisdiction but other than that  
26 that's pretty much our jurisdiction.

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28 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Does that help you, Bert?

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30 MR. ADAMS: Yeah, it helps. But what  
31 standards do you use, you know, to determine, you know, where  
32 saltwater ends and freshwater begins?

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34 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Bill.

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36 MR. KNAUER: Yes, Mr. Chairman. It will be  
37 a line drawn across the headland -- from headland to headland  
38 at the mouth of the rivers. So you're not talking about  
39 where freshwater starts and saltwater starts, which in some  
40 cases could be miles up low gradient rivers but it will be a  
41 line across the mouth. And Dave is correct, it will be all  
42 waters upstream of that within the exterior boundaries of the  
43 Tongass Forest. We are aware that in the mouths of some of  
44 the rivers up in, you know, upstream of that line there may  
45 be some saltwater species that are taken in there, there may  
46 be some shellfish that are taken in there. But for the most  
47 part we're talking about fish.

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49 MR. ADAMS: Thank you. I have -- excuse me,

50 Butch, one more other thing. One of the things that we need

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1 to really monitor closely and I don't know whether we can  
2 address this in a form of a regulation at this point, but we  
3 have, you know, Wanda enlightened me on these outsiders  
4 coming in and taking up everything without having permits or  
5 permission to do so. And we're experiencing the same thing  
6 in Yakutat, where sportfisheries, you know, the charter  
7 captains are taking their clients out to our subsistence  
8 resources and they're digging our clams and our crabs and  
9 shrimp and they're taking them out, you know, it's in a  
10 package deal. And so I would like to see something like this  
11 addressed, see if we can alleviate a lot of those things  
12 because they are using our subsistence resources.

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14 Any answers on that or comments?

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16 MR. KNAUER: What you just described is out  
17 into the saltwater areas beyond where there is Federal  
18 jurisdiction. And so in a lot of those situations you're  
19 going to need to work with the Alaska Department of Fish and  
20 Game and the Board of Fish and make proposals to them and  
21 coordinate your efforts there.

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23 MR. ADAMS: So this is out of Federal  
24 jurisdiction then. Thank you.

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26 MR. KNAUER: Yeah, it's going to depend on  
27 individual circumstances and individual locations and we'll  
28 have to, you know, the Forest Service will work with you to  
29 examine which avenue is best, whether it would be appropriate  
30 to come through the Federal system or the State system.

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32 MR. ADAMS: Thank you, Bill.

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34 MR. KOOKESH: The Chair recognizes you.

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36 MR. LAITI: If we asked you for, you know,  
37 like specific rivers, you know where the headland is, could  
38 you provide that?

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40 MR. KNAUER: I couldn't personally but we  
41 could work with the Forest Service and we could eventually,  
42 yes, provide you.....

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44 MR. LAITI: So we could get a good  
45 definition.

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47 MR. KNAUER: We could provide you a line on  
48 a map.

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MR. LAITI: Everybody's got different rivers

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1 here and streams. So thank you.

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3 MR. ADAMS: Just a further comment on that,  
4 in Yakutat, you know, the subsistence management is still  
5 going to be under the jurisdiction of the State because of  
6 its uniqueness. So that's just also a matter of information  
7 for you.

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9 MR. KOOKESH: Vicki.

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11 MS. LeCORNU: Go ahead Mary.

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13 MS. RUDOLPH: Yes. I just wanted to make a  
14 comment, you know, about six years ago I was the vice Mayor  
15 of Hoonah, I think it was six or seven years ago and I came  
16 in and met with some representative on different issues. And  
17 one of the issues that came up when I met with Zarof was the  
18 fisheries, the hatcheries. At the time he said it was  
19 intended to help the fishermen, that was the intent of the  
20 hatcheries. And he said there hasn't been enough input or  
21 concerns from the tribes or the people of Alaska on opposing  
22 it. So I keep wondering how this is going to be stopped  
23 because we do feel the affect of the hatcheries.

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25 And one other thing they talked about was the crabs.  
26 It's almost like we're coming in right after the storm.  
27 We're starting to organize and for us our crab boats, which  
28 are very few in Hoonah, were almost eliminated this last crab  
29 season opening. There was so many boats in Hoonah, the whole  
30 dock lighted up and it reminded me of the early years of  
31 fishing when all the boats from all over came to Hoonah.  
32 That placed was so packed with boats that our crabbers had a  
33 hard time getting something for their winter -- for their  
34 livelihood.

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36 And this is kind of a, what we talked about, the one  
37 day was kind of beating a dead horse now and it's kind of  
38 getting frustrating because we're coming to the point where  
39 we're actually all talking but whether we ask a Federal it's  
40 getting turned over to the State, and how much does the  
41 State, how much is it willing to listen to us, so it's almost  
42 like running around in circles and running right back into  
43 you and expecting some answers. But like the fisheries or  
44 creeks, we have to go further out and with the gas price  
45 coming up the way it is, what are we going to do for the  
46 summer?

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48 And we were one of the highliners in Southeast on  
49 having the most boats in Hoonah, now, we're down to seven and

50 one was taken back because of lack of payment. He couldn't

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1 keep up with the payment because of the fish prices. My  
2 husband is in the process of selling his boat because of the  
3 concerns of the fisheries and everything. So we're going to  
4 be down to maybe four boats. And the logging is taking over,  
5 and I listened to one guy talk yesterday -- or the other day  
6 and talk about the boats going out on skiffs and waiting for  
7 the deer to come down, there isn't that many, they have to go  
8 out on boats, because we have so much logging done in Hoonah,  
9 our logs are -- it's devastating to the feeds in Hoonah  
10 because you have to go out further to get some deer and you  
11 have to travel further out on cars to look around. And last  
12 winter we had a casualty where one boy got lost in there and  
13 was never found, still hasn't been found and this is how far  
14 people have to go. So it's almost like coming in on a boat  
15 and finding there's no place to land.

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17 Thank you.

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19 MS. LeCORNUE: Mr. Chair, I have a question  
20 kind of related to what Bert's question was. I'm just  
21 looking in the Federal Register on the Proposed Rules, I  
22 guess that's what we have in front of us right now, right,  
23 the Proposed Rule?

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25 MR. KNAUER: That's correct.

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27 MS. LeCORNUE: All right. Proposed Rule which  
28 states that the Board can investigate and make  
29 recommendations to the Secretarys in identifying additional  
30 Federal reservations, Federal reserved water rights or other  
31 Federal interests in lands or waters to which Title VIII,  
32 subsistence priority would be extended.

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34 Do we have room for movement on that in determining  
35 other areas that we might feel have reserved water rights?

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37 MR. KNAUER: The reason that's in there is  
38 because there are numerous areas around the state where there  
39 might be additional reserved waters or there might be  
40 additional lands and waters that come to the Federal  
41 government through purchase.

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43 MS. LeCORNUE: Appropriation.

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45 MR. KNAUER: Yeah, or appropriation. And so  
46 that's why that is in there. And if you're aware of  
47 additional waters where you believe that the Federal  
48 government does have a reserved water right, that would be  
49 something that would be appropriate to identify to the Board.



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1 MS. LeCORNNU: Yes. The reason I asked is  
2 several years ago I did comment that there were Federal  
3 reservations in Southeast and those were appropriated for the  
4 purpose and goal of the people of those communities and those  
5 include Kake and Hydaburg, I know for sure. So I did mention  
6 that two years ago and I would like to review that at some  
7 time.

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9 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Do you want to review that  
10 before we adjourn?

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12 MS. LeCORNNU: Well, I suggest that we include  
13 them now. So I don't know how the Board feels, you know, I  
14 think we should include those as reserved water rights  
15 because those were created for the purposes of subsistence.

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17 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Do we have information and  
18 resources now to where we could do that? Ida.

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20 MS. HILDEBRAND: Ida Hildebrand, BIA Staff  
21 Committee member, Mr. Chairman. Before I respond to Vicki's  
22 comment I would like to respond to Mr. Adam's statement that  
23 Yakutat remains under State jurisdiction. If you have waters  
24 that are fresh waters under Federal -- under Tongass or other  
25 Federal lands that's under Federal jurisdiction.

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27 And to Vicki, I'm not sure which reservations you  
28 were talking about. If you were talking about the pre-ANCSA  
29 reservations, ANCSA extinguished them.

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31 MS. LeCORNNU: Well, I was just wanting to  
32 find out what were reserved water rights and I'm talking, not  
33 specifically reserved to the Tongass but reserved to those  
34 Indians and, although, they may have been extinguished there  
35 was a Tongass National Forest goal in those reservations.

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37 MS. HILDEBRAND: I think if there was  
38 something in the Tongass language, which, of course, I  
39 haven't read, that could be investigated. But if it was just  
40 all reservations with the exception of Metlakatla, were  
41 extinguished by ANCSA. But if there was something in the  
42 language of those particular reservations that tied them to  
43 the Tongass or Tongass to them, that would need further  
44 investigation.

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46 MS. LeCORNNU: And the reason I say that is  
47 because the people in Hydaburg feel that those are still  
48 reserved to them and I think we need a little bit more work  
49 on it.



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1 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Thank you. Alfredo.

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3 MR. ADAMS: Mr. Chairman, he is no longer  
4 Alfredo.

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6 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: No.

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8 MR. ADAMS: No.

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10 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: What is he?

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12 MR. ADAMS: He's Alfred and whatever his  
13 Tlingit name is.

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15 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: What is that?

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17 MR. ADAMS: Ask him.

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19 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Alfredo's easier.

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21 MR. McKINLEY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Can  
22 you hear me okay?

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24 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: I hear you loud and clear.

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26 MR. McKINLEY: Okay, lend me your ears.

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28 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Lend me your ears.

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30 MR. McKINLEY: Well, perhaps maybe I could  
31 explain some of these problems in Excursion Inlet. Excursion  
32 Inlet, in Tlingit you call it (In Native) and that's where my  
33 family actually stayed during the river and everything. And  
34 perhaps, before I get started for more clarification, I think  
35 I may direct some of these questions, I think it may be my  
36 other relatives from Hoonah there, you might think Excursion  
37 Inlet, that's where actually I was raised like I said in my  
38 presentation the other day, you might get some better  
39 information from the Mills, Tom Mills or Patrick Mills,  
40 Patrick Mills is in the phone book on Excursion Inlet.

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42 But my recollection going up over there in Excursion  
43 Inlet is that there's two runs of sockeye. The early run  
44 usually we try to gaff them when they're coming up and it's  
45 just like what Wanda has stated. Long ago, the steam boat  
46 used to come up over there and they came up over there to --  
47 they used rods trying to catch the fish, you know, and then  
48 we'd watch them, we don't know how -- we used to laugh at  
49 them when we were little kids, you trying to catch that fish,



50 he said, yeah, well, we'd just get our hook and gaff it right

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1 up with it. And -- but at that time we didn't use any rod  
2 and reel, you know. And I told him -- well, the person  
3 didn't know what the heck to do, you know, but that's how we  
4 used to catch our fish. There's an early run of sockeyes and  
5 then the next run.

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7 But the first run and the sockeye's went up the river  
8 and then after that they went into the lake and after the  
9 lake they went into another river nearby. And that part they  
10 turned red. When they turned red that's when we got them  
11 over there in another river, really good -- that's when we  
12 boiled them, boiled fish or baked them or whatever. And that  
13 was more delicious sockeye that we used to actually consume.

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16 And when you talk about the Mills -- not the Mills  
17 but the Dunken family, that Dunken's place we used to call  
18 it, during World War II actually a construction company  
19 wanted to destroy their house and Pete Dunken, the old man,  
20 finally told them, he said no, they ain't going to tear my  
21 house down and they were going to destroy it, okay, he took  
22 all his family inside the house, go ahead and kill us, and  
23 that actually stopped that. So negotiation, they had -- they  
24 moved on to where they call it Dunken's Camp. But right now  
25 most of the Dunken family right now are staying in Sitka.  
26 Albert Dunken, he's over there in Sitka. Bobby Dunken,  
27 Robert Dunken, he's in Angoon, living in Angoon. And Johnny  
28 Dunken is here, he's moving back and forth and he's a  
29 carpenter so he goes wherever the job is.

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31 So I thought I'd try to explain how we actually catch  
32 those sockeye over in Excursion Inlet. And I hope it will  
33 kind of explain a little bit as far as how the sockeye -- how  
34 we got that salmon and so forth.

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36 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Thank you.

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38 MR. McKINLEY: Thank you very much.

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40 MR. ADAMS: Mr. Chairman.

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42 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Bert.

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44 MR. ADAMS: That's why I'm saying he's no  
45 longer Alfredo, he understands his culture pretty well.  
46 Unless he can prove to me that he can say a whole paragraph  
47 in Mexican.

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49 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Oh, he can. I've heard him

50 two nights in a row. Where's my leader?

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1 MR. STOKES: I had a question for Bill but  
2 he's not here.

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4 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Bill Knauer.

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6 MR. STOKES: I don't know where he's at.

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8 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Well, they're back there  
9 caucusing.

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11 MS. WILSON: Mr. Chairman.

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13 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: We're going to take a  
14 break.

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16 MS. WILSON: Okay.

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18 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Hold your thought. We're  
19 going to take a break, people are -- the Natives are getting  
20 restless. Five minute Marlboro break.

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22 (Off record)

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24 (On record)

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26 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay, we're going to --  
27 hey.

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29 MS. RUDOLPH: I'm sorry.

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31 MR. ADAMS: Fine her.

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33 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: We've done all the  
34 discussion we're going to do for a while with fisheries and,  
35 in particular, sockeye, not to say that -- well, we're going  
36 to stop at this talking phase, we got enough interest, enough  
37 input now, and enough direction and we got a feel from the  
38 people in the room to at least start. And we're going to do  
39 that before we adjourn.

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41 Right now we have some other items on the agenda that  
42 we need to discuss and a couple of announcements. Since the  
43 public has been so gracious in using our green forms, you  
44 used all of them up we don't have any left, so it's going to  
45 be a free-for-all for the rest of the day. So whoever talks  
46 the loudest and the longest can have the floor. I got my  
47 money on some of you but I'm not going to say.

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49 Right now I'll turn it over to Fred Clark and Fred

50 will help guide us through the next part of our agenda.

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1 Fred.

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3 MR. CLARK: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Bill,  
4 I think you're right that we've got a good introduction to  
5 the types of regulatory changes people have been thinking  
6 about and it is just an introduction, I expect that there  
7 will be more rolling in and we'll work closely with people to  
8 get those fleshed out and get them into the Fish and Wildlife  
9 Service so that they get in the process.

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11 Now, we need to move on to looking at the project  
12 proposals, which are -- you know, it's a different thing than  
13 the regulation proposals. We're looking at the projects that  
14 have been proposed to gather information that will be  
15 important in addressing proposals in the future, proposals  
16 and recommendations that come before the Council and  
17 ultimately to the Federal Subsistence Board.

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19 You all have a stack of those proposals and at this  
20 time what I'd like to do is turn it over to Harold Martin and  
21 Bob Schroeder to do a few introductory remarks and provide  
22 some orientation about how we might address this huge number  
23 of proposals.

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25 MR. MARTIN: Thank you, Fred. Mr. Chairman,  
26 members of the Council. I believe I'm still under the  
27 protection of the Fifth Amendment.

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29 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Fifth Amendment, Part A.

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31 MR. MARTIN: Mr. Chairman, we welcome and  
32 appreciate this opportunity to work with the Council to  
33 consider tribal and other proposals. Together, perhaps we  
34 can determine a direction to go in. I do have several  
35 concerns. I believe at one of our meetings we talked about  
36 contracting. I believe tribal governments are getting  
37 sophisticated enough to contract projects. There are several  
38 tribal governments in Southeast, Ketchikan Indian Corporation  
39 and Central Council, Sitka Tribes, Kake IRA -- the village of  
40 Kake. There's many tribal governments that are capable of  
41 contracting projects. We have many educated Natives today.  
42 So I'd like that to be a high consideration when we talk  
43 about projects.

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45 And I also have a concern about protecting our  
46 natural stocks. I think with the proposals we're talking  
47 about natural stocks and not about hatchery fish. One of the  
48 -- the Northeast Aquaculture Association, I think has a  
49 proposal in that has to do with their interaction of hatchery

50 fish and natural stocks. And I do have a concern about

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1 effects of hatchery fish on natural stock. I believe in  
2 Puget Sound there is documentation now that hatchery fish  
3 does affect natural stocks. I do have an associate and  
4 applied arts degree in aquaculture and fisheries and halfway  
5 through my schooling I began to look at, what am I doing to  
6 this natural stock? What is this hatchery business going to  
7 do to natural stock? Many of you have observed in the creeks  
8 that when fish go spawn, they spawn one on one. You see them  
9 fight off other males. In the hatcheries, in the artificial  
10 promulgating of salmon, you're going to take 20 humpies or  
11 dog salmon at random, put all the eggs in the bucket and then  
12 reach out and take a male at random and fertilize all those  
13 eggs. Genetically what are we doing, we have inferior fish.  
14 I've caught fish out there -- I caught a humpy with a dog  
15 salmon stripes on it, I've got a dog salmon with a hump on  
16 it, I mean, what are we doing to our natural stock? I think  
17 that's a big concern of mine. I think we should do a study  
18 on the effects of hatchery fish on natural stock.

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20 I am kind of concerned about the Forest Service  
21 projects, there's at least four proposals by the Forest  
22 Service that are in the \$300,000 plus category. Although  
23 these could be combined with some of the tribal proposals, I  
24 think we should take a careful look at that.

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26 The Fish and Game Department, State Fish and Game  
27 Department, Forest Service has pre-approved projects. So at  
28 this point I think tribal projects should be a priority.

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30 With that I'll turn it over to Bob.

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32 MR. SCHROEDER: Thank you Harold. Mr.  
33 Chairman, members of the Board, I'm wondering whether I'm  
34 Laurel or I'm Hardy.

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36 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Hardy.

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38 MR. SCHROEDER: Since I'm always up here with  
39 Harold.

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41 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Hardy.

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43 MR. SCHROEDER: So we'll have to see when we  
44 get done with this, which role I get to pick.

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46 Again, just recapping a little bit. I think this  
47 provides the Council and the tribes of Southeast with a major  
48 opportunity. And I think our action today, I'm going to be  
49 fairly directive because I'm -- and speak very directly with



50 you, as I usually do.....

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1                   CHAIRMAN THOMAS: But just be gentle.

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3                   MR. SCHROEDER: .....but I'll be gentle  
4 because I think if the Council takes this opportunity that it  
5 will work out real well for the tribes and primarily for the  
6 resource and for coming up with improved management for  
7 subsistence in coming years. We also run the risk of -- I  
8 was talking with someone earlier at the break of just waiting  
9 for some authority to tell us what to do and perhaps as all  
10 of us get older, we recognize that perhaps there isn't anyone  
11 who's going to direct you and give you a little narrow space  
12 that you can operate in. And I think this is a situation  
13 where the Council can show its real leadership as well as  
14 sharing some of that leadership with the tribes of Southeast  
15 Alaska.

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17                  Recapping what we heard from Dave and Cal earlier is  
18 that there is somewhere around \$700,000 that is earmarked for  
19 data gathering activities that will be contracted out. So  
20 that's our parameter, there may be a little flex around that  
21 number. We've also heard from Dave and from Cal and in the  
22 earlier discussions, from the Federal Subsistence Board, that  
23 a substantial, if not, most or all of this contracting money  
24 should go for tribes. Tribes have been waiting at the door  
25 for years for this opportunity and this is basically the time  
26 to do it.

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28                  I think a real first -- also on that is we should be  
29 real clear that none of us have spending authority, and so  
30 the Council is not an allocating body, it's an advising body  
31 and basically the advice that you give is very likely to  
32 carry the day with the way these projects do take place. But  
33 that that authority does rest, in this case, with the Forest  
34 Service, because the Tongass National Forest does have the  
35 allocated dollars and so someone has to be responsible for  
36 seeing the way that those are spent. So our role is to come  
37 up with the best advice that we can to the Tongass National  
38 Forest who will be the spending authority and to the Federal  
39 Subsistence Board and Federal Staff who will also recommend  
40 whether projects fit criteria that have been established.

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42                  Just kind of out of the gate, I think this is a  
43 really positive situation. I think we're at point right now,  
44 it's mid-March, you won't be meeting again in a regular  
45 session until fall. We have a real question on whether we  
46 want to proceed this season on various fish proposals -- fish  
47 information gathering. We have a whole listing of proposals  
48 from communities which, if you stand back a little bit, the  
49 situation is different in Kake than it is in Hydaburg than it

50 is in Yakutat, but what I'm seeing in the proposals is a

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1 concern for finding out how many fish are there in certain  
2 systems and monitoring what the take is in-season. So this is  
3 kind of a unifying theme over this whole set of proposals and  
4 I frankly wouldn't pay a great deal of attention to the  
5 amounts that the tribes put as their guideline amount, what  
6 they thought the project would cost as well as the specifics  
7 of exactly what the piece of work is that's going to be done.  
8 If we think of those as being the over-arching goals we might  
9 get someplace. So I think a first item is whether we want  
10 to push some of these projects so that they, in fact, end up  
11 with field work taking place this season and if the answer is  
12 yes to that then we have to be really fast-tracking to get  
13 things to happen.

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15 So the alternative is to wait and be more thoughtful,  
16 possibly, but waiting also implies simply delaying so that  
17 we'd only be initiating work in spring and summer of 2001 on  
18 these fish proposals.

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20 So I guess that would be the first thing I'd like to  
21 hear from from the Council, should we push pretty hard to get  
22 something to happen or should we take the afternoon off.

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24 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: No, we're not going to take  
25 the afternoon off. What my ambitions were was to review  
26 existing regulations or realizing that they were moved carte  
27 blanche over from the State which was the most prudent move  
28 at the time and go from there and scrutinize the existing  
29 ones and see if we had ideas that we could offer to make  
30 those regs fit better. Is that kind of what you anticipated?

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32 MR. SCHROEDER: Mr. Chairman, that is an  
33 identified proposal -- an identified proposal to be funded  
34 and it was something that came up repeatedly in our meetings.  
35 I suppose it would be possible to simply do that and then see  
36 what the results were and take it from there. That would say  
37 that we wouldn't do field work this year, that we wouldn't  
38 try to get things through such that tribes could begin  
39 working this year and doing field studies on streams and with  
40 partnerships.

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42 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Well, we're postured for  
43 anything. So we need to know what the ambitions of the  
44 tribes are, what their procedures are anticipated, what their  
45 time lines are and that kind of thing so that we can support  
46 and compliment those.

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48 MR. SCHROEDER: Well, Mr. Chairman, I said  
49 I'd try to be real straight-talking here on what can happen.

50 I was trying to think, what's the best way to approach this?

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1 If we're willing to -- if we wanted to move forward in this  
2 season which I think is feasible, then we need to follow some  
3 other steps. Maybe I should talk about what those might be.

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5 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Sure.

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7 MR. SCHROEDER: Or how we'd go. First off,  
8 yesterday, Harold and I talked about how really even though  
9 you have a whole raft of proposals that have been neatly  
10 compiled by Cal from the tribes and from other organizations,  
11 that -- well, one is we're basically concerned with tribal  
12 proposals here.

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14 Second is that the proposals that are there fall out  
15 into four categories. We have a great deal of interest in  
16 sockeye/coho systems as I have described and specific work  
17 ideas there. We had good support for regulation review  
18 proposals, which is what you were talking about. And we had  
19 considerable interest in traditional ecological knowledge  
20 approaches as well as finishing up work on subsistence  
21 harvest assessment, which are the overall community surveys  
22 which include fisheries data which provide the basis for a  
23 lot of the Council deliberations. So those are four areas.

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25 Of these four, the one that's really time critical,  
26 because we can't -- no matter how long we want to hold off,  
27 the sockeye probably won't, I think they're planning to come  
28 back to their streams whether or not we act. So of these  
29 four project categories, the one that would need to be a top  
30 priority, if we're going to move forward reasonably quickly,  
31 would be sockeye/coho areas.

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33 Now, there are some real pluses in how you actually  
34 get something to happen. Fred and Cal, with support from Jim  
35 Caplan, have a system in place so that contracting is  
36 basically preapproved for doing projects of this sort, with  
37 this specific money, so we avoid the delay that would happen  
38 just because of the way the bureaucracy works requiring  
39 certain things to go to Washington, D.C. So that's already  
40 fast-tracked there.

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42 Also, Division of Subsistence and Fish and Game and  
43 Forest Service biologists have been in on the discussions of  
44 talking about how agencies might cooperate and be cooperators  
45 with the tribes on sockeye/coho work so that that would  
46 basically follow the model that Mr. Turek was talking about  
47 earlier where Division of Subsistence and in this case,  
48 biologists, would provide assistance to tribes in carrying  
49 out projects.



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1           The next point may cut through a lot of the paperwork  
2 here because in thinking about trying to get things happening  
3 this season, I think we'd be way ahead of the game on the  
4 sockeye/coho proposals, is if we thought of them as being  
5 basically the same proposal. And for contracting purposes,  
6 they may be written up exactly the same and similar  
7 methodologies would be followed in each community where work  
8 might take place.

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10           I've got some further ideas, in that, the capability  
11 of actually doing things this season probably would mean that  
12 a maximum of four projects could actually be initiated in  
13 terms of just getting them to happen, figuring out the on the  
14 ground procedures and making sure they come through okay.  
15 There's been a lot of discussion of -- it's something else  
16 that's really important with these first projects, is that,  
17 they work well. I don't have the -- I don't have any doubt  
18 of tribal capability of administering small projects like  
19 this, that tribes I work with handle lots of contracting, do  
20 lots of work and have shown their competence, I don't think  
21 that's an issue, but there is a world out there that's kind  
22 of looking at this and some interests would really like  
23 tribes to just fall on their face because then they could  
24 say, well, see really the ideas of involving local people  
25 don't work. Let's go back to the old model and we just  
26 wasted these funds. So I think the most we could probably do  
27 in this first season would be four communities. You might  
28 fund other communities and hold off on implementation until  
29 the 2001. So the four communities is strictly out of my head  
30 thinking of the complexity of actually getting some things  
31 going.

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33           So that idea would be to look at these sockeye/coho  
34 proposals and to see what the common points are in them and  
35 to write up a standard contract that would cover the work  
36 that would be done, therefore, as far as the contracting  
37 people would be concerned, they'd be approving and signing  
38 off on a number of contracts to individual tribes but the  
39 wording would be exactly the same. So we kind of cut  
40 through, what I see, as being a major red tape problem here.

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42           CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Did you have any ideas of  
43 what the role of the Council would be in the tribes pursuit  
44 of acquiring contracts? What was your plans with the  
45 government-to-government relationship and what role would we  
46 play in that, if any?

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48           MR. SCHROEDER: Well, I think the Council --  
49 one thing that's been a little baffling to all of us who have



50 been talking with tribes about possible work is there's been

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1 a bit of a gap between the statements that have been made at  
2 the Federal Subsistence Board level and agency heads who have  
3 said, yes, this is a time tribes are going to be doing a good  
4 deal of the work, and actually implementing that. And I  
5 think the appropriate role for the Council is to provide  
6 leadership in this area and direction, and specifically to  
7 let both the group that's -- the informal group that's been  
8 talking about these proposals and the agencies involved know  
9 if these are your priority areas for information. If we're  
10 wrong there, if there's something else that really should be  
11 in there, if one or the other of these areas that came out of  
12 the tribal effort don't match up with what you think you need  
13 for evaluating fisheries proposals, then that isn't something  
14 that should be done.

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16 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Should we anticipate  
17 individual tribe efforts or a collective effort among the  
18 tribes?

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20 MR. SCHROEDER: My suggestion is that things  
21 would be done individually by tribes but that there might be  
22 a standard contract approach so it's a standardized piece of  
23 work and that comes from a couple of reasons on that. One is  
24 that it's about the only way I can see that you actually get  
25 something to go forward. But also then that would ensure  
26 that the information that came out the other end was also  
27 comparable. And I don't think this would really constrain  
28 tribes from pursuing their interests with respect to -- right  
29 now we're talking about the sockeye/coho business  
30 exclusively.

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32 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Well, the thing that I  
33 would like to advise the tribes is to avoid as many unique  
34 situations as they can. But when you start getting into  
35 uniqueness that kind of slows the process.

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37 MR. CLARK: Mr. Chairman.

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39 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Fred.

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41 MR. CLARK: If I may, I'd like to just bring  
42 in a couple of points that I think are really important.  
43 First of all, is that, the dollars that have been appropriate  
44 for these projects this year are not -- they don't have to be  
45 spent this year. If we don't have enough projects that are  
46 okay'd this year, we have funding that can move forward into  
47 the next year.

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49 The other thing is that from the get-go, the way that

50 we've approached this is that the first question is what are

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1 the information needs? The second thing is, what are the  
2 projects that address those needs? And only after that did  
3 we consider who should be doing the work and, that, of  
4 course, is tempered by the idea that tribes and other Native  
5 entities are really important in the process. We went  
6 through that whole thing to get to the point where we are  
7 now. So it's not like we did not consider that projects done  
8 by groups other than tribes aren't important. We got to this  
9 point by saying, who are the appropriate people to do these  
10 projects? And it's not to downplay the role of other  
11 organizations, other agencies, the State, because everybody  
12 will be involved in these projects even though the ideas that  
13 the tribes will be doing the projects; everybody is going to  
14 be involved in this. It's really an ongoing collaborative  
15 process.

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17 MS. WILSON: Mr. Chairman.

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19 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Marilyn.

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21 MS. WILSON: I have a question I need to ask.  
22 We have this list of projects, do we okay these or do we give  
23 the go ahead or do we prioritize which ones we want to see go  
24 ahead or that we think are important? I don't understand  
25 what we're doing actually. Do we have to give the go ahead  
26 or prioritize?

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28 MR. MARTIN: Mr. Chairman, up to this point  
29 we have been on a very fast-track during January or February,  
30 we had eight teleconferences and meetings. And yesterday I  
31 presented this packet to you and I stated that we're not sure  
32 what direction to go from here so we presented to you hoping  
33 you'd provide us direction. We know that the Council has the  
34 authority to recommend projects through the Subsistence  
35 Board.

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37 Of the four projects, I think the sockeye project is  
38 a priority. The regulation review of -- I think in the  
39 sockeye category we could combine Category 4. It looks like  
40 harvest survey proposals could be worked into the first  
41 category. But I agree with Bob, I think we should approach  
42 this in a very careful and cautious manner so that, like Bob  
43 says, the tribes don't fall on their face. I think this is  
44 an opportunity for tribes to be involved in many different  
45 projects. I think we should approach this very carefully.  
46 So we're looking to you for direction and perhaps, like I  
47 said, perhaps together we can come up with a direction to go  
48 in.

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MS. WILSON: I guess the other question I

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1 need ask then is which tribes are ready to do these projects  
2 so that if we recommend one project over another, in this  
3 project the tribe is not ready to do that, we need to know  
4 that, I guess.

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6 MR. SCHROEDER: Mr. Chairman, Marilyn. You  
7 know I think that's real tough because I guess I'm a little  
8 uncomfortable with ranking projects because we don't have  
9 people in the room who can speak real clearly to what they  
10 intended to do. A way you might proceed on this would be to  
11 talk in general about sockeye/coho questions. And then leave  
12 it to Staff and hopefully a committee of Council members to  
13 work that out subsequently. I don't think we can get there  
14 today. Again, if the suggestion of having basically one  
15 project that -- one project description that's sufficiently  
16 broad to cover the interests of each tribe, such that if  
17 there were a project in Angoon the contracting language would  
18 read the same as the one in Sitka if there was one in Sitka.  
19 That might be a way for us to proceed, even though quite  
20 clearly Sitka would be working on different streams and have  
21 different specifics than the folks in Angoon.

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23 MR. MARTIN: Mr. Chairman.....

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25 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Ida, did you have some  
26 insights to offer?

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28 MR. MARTIN: Mr. Chairman, in response to  
29 Marilyn, I think that the people who submitted proposals have  
30 the confidence to be able to carry out these projects. Now,  
31 during our discussions there was an understanding that  
32 because of the many proposals on sockeye, that if we took  
33 these sockeye proposals apart and then perhaps some of these  
34 proposals are the same, we could regionalize some of these  
35 proposals to cover all of Southeast. I mean we could take it  
36 apart and maybe narrow it down.

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38 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Floyd. Okay, make room for  
39 Ida, you guys.

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41 MR. KOOKESH: Bob and Harold, I have a  
42 question. Prior to setting priorities, my only concern here  
43 is when we talk -- we kind of talk about tribes and entities  
44 that are listed in these proposals, one of the things I'm kid  
45 of concerned about is prior to contracting, I notice that  
46 when we got through the proposals, you notice that there's a  
47 whole bunch of names listed on the first two pages on the  
48 packet, it shows all the communities, associations and the  
49 Forest Service and the Southeast agencies, the other agencies

50 in Southeast, my concern is prior to setting priorities, one

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1 of the things I noticed in this packet, I seen -- I'll give  
2 you a good example, I'll use the example that's close to  
3 home, when you look at Angoon Community Association, one of  
4 the things I see is -- and I listen to you talk is, I don't  
5 want any of these groups to fall on their face but prior to  
6 setting our priorities, I think it's very important because  
7 looking at it from my point of view, I think on contracting  
8 one of the things I seem to set a priority on is that what  
9 kind of accounting system is in place for these  
10 organizations, are they on a cost reimbursement or are you  
11 giving them the money? It's important that they have an  
12 accounting system in place. Because I looked at all of these  
13 organizations and I don't know who they are and what they do  
14 and what kind of accounting system is set up and what kind of  
15 program you have in place with them.

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17 And that's where I was coming from. I see the  
18 sockeye as a priority but I also want to make sure that the  
19 contracting agent, whoever they are, has something in place  
20 for checks and balances because it doesn't do any good to be  
21 giving a project to someone who doesn't have the accounting  
22 program to be able to keep this thing on top.

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24 MR. CLARK: Floyd, we could work out the  
25 details on the contracting. I wouldn't worry about that too  
26 much at this point. I think we really need to keep on track  
27 with the projects and the information needs at this point.

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29 MR. KOOKESH: Well, you could set your  
30 priorities all you want but if you don't have a.....

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32 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay, let's hear from Ida  
33 and then Vicki and then Millie.

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35 MS. HILDEBRAND: Ida Hildebrand, BIA Staff  
36 Committee member. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm concerned  
37 that there seems to be a lot of rambling and the task before  
38 the Council is very simple. We're relying on your wisdom and  
39 your intelligence that you have demonstrated for all the  
40 years I've known you. To look at projects and say, yes, this  
41 is addressing a subsistence need, it's addressing issues that  
42 are of concern to the people of this region. All the in-  
43 house detail of contracting and how to monitor a contract is  
44 the responsibility of Forest Service or whichever Federal  
45 agency is providing the money. And the focus here is for  
46 you, as Council members, to do your usual wonderful task of  
47 looking at a project and saying this is good. As far as how  
48 the overall projects are going by the Federal Subsistence  
49 Board, all five Federal agencies entered into a memorandum of



50 agreement that they will put all the money in a pool and

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1 address the State projects across the board. Forest Service,  
2 of course, is focusing on the Tongass and the Chugach. But  
3 your recommendations on these projects, up or down, actually  
4 go to the Federal Subsistence Board as do all your  
5 recommendations. And the Federal Board, if you're  
6 recommending approval will generally, of course, go with your  
7 recommendation.

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9 And so it's just your usual style of business, only  
10 in this instance we're talking about projects on fisheries in  
11 your region and do these projects address subsistence issues  
12 and concerns raised by the people of this region? Is it  
13 going to give you data or information that you will need in  
14 the future to make recommendations to the Federal Board? Is  
15 it going to address data or questions that are going to come  
16 before the Federal Subsistence Board? Is it really, truly --  
17 although they may all be important, are there some projects  
18 that you want to see get started in 2000? Are there other  
19 projects that are good but need a little bit more development  
20 and you'd want to see maybe start in 2001 or in some future  
21 years?

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23 So it's a lot of words and we're just asking you to  
24 look at projects and you say this is the top priority, this  
25 is the second priority, these are two top priorities, however  
26 you want to categorize those.

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28 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: See this is what's  
29 confusing to me. We're into a phase now, it's my  
30 understanding that this is a government-to-government  
31 introduction into the system; is that true?

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33 MS. HILDEBRAND: It's that but in my opinion  
34 the major role is, regardless of who does the projects -- you  
35 can agree that a tribe is going to do them, you can agree to  
36 the university is doing them, that's not important; that you,  
37 the Council, say this project is important. It is secondary  
38 to that decision that a tribe will do the project. It isn't  
39 -- you're not weighing in of telling the Board you have to  
40 adhere to the government-to-government, it does advance that  
41 but your primary decision is is this project a good project?  
42 Does it represent the concerns of this region?

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44 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: So then it's going to be  
45 incumbent on the tribes then to convey to us what their  
46 druthers are in order for us to properly weigh them.

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48 MS. HILDEBRAND: Right. And they have  
49 weighed in on these projects and now it's for you to look at

50 these projects and say, that's a good project or this needs

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1 more development and back to the drawing board but go with  
2 these.

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4 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: What happens in conflict?  
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6 MS. HILDEBRAND: In conflict, with other  
7 areas they generally tell whoever the conflicting parties  
8 are, come up with a solution or we're going to table it until  
9 you do or we'll make the decision and you can say, well, say  
10 somebody else will do the project.

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12 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: No, we can do that as a  
13 Council but at the same time we're not wanting to take away  
14 from the integrity of the tribes.

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16 MS. HILDEBRAND: Well, you're not going to  
17 take away from the integrity of the tribes. If the tribes  
18 say this is a high priority, chances are you're going to  
19 agree that it's a high priority. They may say this is a high  
20 priority but you're looking at the whole region and you say,  
21 we agree it's a high priority but these others are a higher  
22 priority for this year or to begin this year because, one,  
23 you could do it beginning this year or you're not quite ready  
24 to begin this year, not because you don't have the technical  
25 expertise, because you didn't present it in a package that we  
26 can go forward with this amount of money to get meaningful  
27 results. You're not saying, no, tribe you can't do it.  
28 You're saying this project.

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30 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: No, we'll never say that.  
31 But the chances are, if they come to us with a priority that  
32 will be the priority we'll take forward.

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34 MS. HILDEBRAND: Well, yes, it will be a  
35 priority you will take forward but then you would look, is it  
36 getting the information relevant to all users and not just  
37 tribal users because that's part of your responsibility.

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39 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Ummmm.....  
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41 MR. CLARK: Mr. Chairman, I might be able to  
42 add a little bit of clarification to that. The tribes have  
43 been involved and they have -- in the group that's been  
44 working together, they have said that there are a number of  
45 -- there are definite tribal -- they have the responsibility  
46 for the tribes, the people who are involved in this process  
47 that we've been in. And they have said that you guys have  
48 the ability to prioritize so that's been delegated.

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CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Well, I guess the point I'm

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1 trying to establish here is that I wasn't aware that the  
2 Councils would have a direct involvement with the government-  
3 to-government relationship between the tribes and the Federal  
4 government. I thought that was going to be another activity.  
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6 MS. HILDEBRAND: That's correct, Mr.  
7 Chairman, it is another activity. The Federal Board has not  
8 yet addressed how they're going to proceed with that. The  
9 only difference is in this region the tribes stated these are  
10 the priority subsistence issues that they think of, and the  
11 question of how the Federal government will address the  
12 tribes is yet to be decided by the Federal Board. The  
13 Federal Board is still saying, we are listening to this  
14 Regional Council, if this Regional Council says this is the  
15 priority they'll listen to the Regional Council.  
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17 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: See, the reason I was  
18 surprised that we are as involved as we are is because we  
19 represent tribal members and non-tribal members.  
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21 MS. HILDEBRAND: Right.  
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23 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: And the tribal members are  
24 strictly tribal members. So I guess I was somewhat  
25 surprised.  
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27 MR. CLARK: Mr. Chairman, not all the  
28 contractors are going to be tribal either. Not all the  
29 projects are going to be tribal projects.  
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31 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: I realize that. But in our  
32 involvement with the tribal issues, I'm just wondering if I  
33 can expect the same approach from the other Council down the  
34 road, see, but that was stretching it a bit. But I'm not  
35 uncomfortable with it. I think what should have happened, I  
36 think the Council should have been introduced into this  
37 process sooner than right now. See, because I'm grasping  
38 here and all this is brand new information to me. So this is  
39 what I'm trying to establish. I'm not challenging anything.  
40 I'm not denying anything.  
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42 We talk about the Councils always being left out of  
43 the loop and this is another classic case. And if we're  
44 going to expect efficiency, effectiveness and consistency,  
45 we're going to have to do a better job of involving the  
46 players.  
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48 MR. MARTIN: Mr. Chairman, I stated yesterday  
49 in my presentation that we did not know what our interaction

50 with the Council would be. And when you all go back to your

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1 respective communities, who do we contact, you? Are you, in  
2 turn, going to contact all these people? We'd like to work  
3 directly with these but we don't know how.

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5 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: We can do that but I didn't  
6 know that until now.

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8 MR. SCHROEDER: Mr. Chairman, I don't think  
9 there was any desire to leave the Council out in the cold at  
10 all. I think a couple things went on. One, is that the  
11 major focus was to get things along to this point so that  
12 proposals and ideas of how to proceed could be presented to  
13 you at this meeting. So a lot of work was.....

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15 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Well, I felt pretty  
16 inadequate and I'm sure it was reflective in my conduct just  
17 now because I wasn't sure what to anticipate next. And I'm  
18 getting more comfortable with it as we go along here but I'm  
19 not used to being with that posture.

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21 MR. SCHROEDER: Secondly, I think there was  
22 a feeling on the part of many people, including myself, that  
23 this was the time to seize an opportunity. That there was  
24 something to be gained by moving forward, at least, to this  
25 point, rather than wait until a big brother out there somehow  
26 decides to give a directive to the Council or to the tribes  
27 on how to proceed. So I think this is a matter of  
28 empowerment of people doing work and attempting to get some  
29 things done rather than waiting for the larger government to  
30 tell you what to do.

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32 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: So this is government-to-  
33 government via the Councils?

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35 MR. SCHROEDER: Well, I think Ida clarified  
36 that role real clearly, in that, as I understood it, Ida, the  
37 Council has a key role in saying what information you want to  
38 see before you. What's going to make your job easier a year  
39 from now when you got to make some recommendations on a  
40 hundred fish proposals that are before you.

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42 MS. LeCORNU: Mr. Chair.

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44 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Vicki.

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46 MS. LeCORNU: I agree with what you're  
47 saying. I hear what you're saying. What I feel should have  
48 happened is that, for instance, what are the information  
49 needs? Well, the Council beforehand should have had criteria



50 before those proposals went out and to me that way those

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1 proposals would have fit our goals. And to me those goals  
2 are presented in ANILCA and they're required in the annual  
3 report and that information that I see that we need is to  
4 address the needs of the people. And so when I see this  
5 monitoring project it reminds me of the deer study which I  
6 totally disagree with because it is not monitoring -- it is  
7 not finding the information we need but it's monitoring past  
8 use or population of deer and all beside the point of finding  
9 out what are the future needs of the people. So I agree that  
10 we should have had some criteria before those proposals were  
11 presented to be put before us.

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13 So now we're getting the criteria after. Some of  
14 those -- to me, although, they're very good projects and  
15 they're very needed for the information we need, the first  
16 information that I see we need is find out the needs of the  
17 people in the region. How much fish do they need? How much  
18 deer do they need? And so going after deer pellets doesn't  
19 ask me how much deer I need, and it's all beside the point if  
20 we're not asking the right questions.

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22 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Well, understanding  
23 suggests to me that some of those criteria will be adjusted  
24 as we go along.

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26 MS. LeCORNU: Okay.

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28 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Millie and then Butch.

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30 MS. STEVENS: And then Bert.

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32 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Again.

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34 MS. STEVENS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I  
35 only had a couple of things to say but beings how I waited so  
36 long for my turn now I have a whole bunch to say.

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38 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Oh, sure.

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40 MS. STEVENS: First of all I would like the  
41 Council to know that Craig is definitely ready to take on  
42 this project. At first our Council was very apprehensive  
43 because it's a brand new area but we feel very confident  
44 because we've had a very good working relationship with the  
45 Forest Service in Craig and they are always more than happy  
46 to lend us a helping hand. So then we weren't quite as  
47 apprehensive as we were because if we were out there in the  
48 cold trying to do this without any guidance, I don't know  
49 that we would have really taken this project on. We do

50 have in place already a payroll system. We get audited every

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1 year. So we're very excited about this project because  
2 number 1 it's going to train and employ some tribal people.  
3 And as an example, we've been working with the the  
4 archeologist out in Craig for probably three or four years,  
5 and from that we now have a person that's going to college to  
6 become an archeologist. And you know, I was just tickled  
7 that the young man from Sitka is a biologist. And hopefully  
8 from this training it will trigger one of our tribal people  
9 to get a degree in that area.

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11 So we, in Craig, are very very happy about it. And  
12 I would like to commend Harold and Robert on this document  
13 that they have put together. I think it's well put together  
14 and you know, I don't know if my gingkoba finally kicked in  
15 but, you know, it gives me a good guideline. And I think  
16 this is an excellent start. So I'm real excited about the  
17 whole process.

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19 Thank you.

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21 MR. MARTIN: Millie, the document was put  
22 together by Cal Casipit.

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24 MS. STEVENS: By Cal, thanks Cal. And  
25 another thing I need to mention is that because Craig and  
26 Klawock use the same subsistence area we are willing to work  
27 with them in sharing our project.

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29 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Butch.

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31 MR. LAITI: On the first day you guys said  
32 there was 720,000 for the projects?

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34 MR. MARTIN: Approximately.

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36 MR. LAITI: And how many tribes are applying  
37 for these?

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39 MR. MARTIN: It's in your packet.

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41 MR. LAITI: Well, maybe you should just  
42 divide the money up equally and let the tribes decide their  
43 own priorities.

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45 MR. MARTIN: I think that's up to you guys.

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47 MR. LAITI: Yeah, well, if you start going  
48 through these projects we'll be here all year, you know,  
49 everybody's project is number 1, you know.



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1 MR. SCHROEDER: Butch, I think virtually  
2 every tribe has a project dealing with sockeye and coho.

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4 MR. LAITI: Right.

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6 MR. SCHROEDER: And doing something to deal  
7 with assessing stock and looking at how many fish are being  
8 taken. And so in that way.....

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10 MR. LAITI: Well, that's what I'm saying, you  
11 know, is.....

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13 MR. SCHROEDER: .....they're kind of uniform.

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15 MR. LAITI: .....you got 720,000, just divide  
16 it equally among the tribes and let them decide their  
17 priorities on their fish.

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19 MR. MARTIN: Well, Butch, I don't think all  
20 of that 720,000 is going to go to tribes.

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22 MR. LAITI: Oh.

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24 MR. MARTIN: I think I stated earlier that  
25 there were four Forest Service projects that amounted to over  
26 \$300,000 each.

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28 MR. LAITI: Well, I'm just trying to make it  
29 simple here. If we get into all this and you try and  
30 prioritize these, you know, some people are going to go away  
31 mad.

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33 MR. SCHROEDER: Mr. Chairman.....

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35 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Ida, then Bert and then  
36 Bob.

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38 MS. HILDEBRAND: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
39 Ida Hildebrand, BIA Staff Committee member. We seem to keep  
40 losing focus. These are Federal dollars to study subsistence  
41 fisheries issues. It isn't Federal dollars mandated to go to  
42 tribes, it isn't Federal dollars mandated to go to ADF&G or  
43 to go to Forest Service. There's Federal dollars going  
44 through the Forest Service to study subsistence projects,  
45 priorities that this Council say are the priorities. Who  
46 does them is almost a secondary or almost irrelevant question  
47 unless that person is prejudicing the data.

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49 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay.



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1 MS. HILDEBRAND: Okay.

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3 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Bert.

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5 MR. ADAMS: I think it would be incumbent  
6 upon this body here to make some kind of determination that  
7 this is going to be the one project -- number 1 priority that  
8 we want to see happen in our region. Like for instance, you  
9 know, the studies and surveys on the sockeye and coho, you  
10 know, in the rivers. I think Bob has brought that up a  
11 couple times already and I fully agree with that.

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13 And I'd like to just share with you an example, I  
14 think Yakutat is pretty well prepared to take on any of these  
15 projects that we submitted as well and we submitted three of  
16 them. And one is the study of the sockeye returns on the  
17 Situk and Mountain Lakes using nitrogen 15 method of  
18 determining, you know, years past and so forth and so forth.  
19 Now, that's a highly scientific way of determining, you know,  
20 runs in those rivers and streams and in the lakes. So a  
21 tribe would naturally not be equipped to take over that kind  
22 of a project. What the proposal says is that this could  
23 possibly be given to the State of Alaska, Department of Fish  
24 and Game or the University of Alaska. So the proposal kind  
25 of suggests, you know, where the contract should go.

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27 Then the other two projects we have is another study  
28 that is to be done on the Situk and Ahrnklin drainage  
29 systems. The way that assessments have been done before  
30 because the Ahrnklin River is a muddy river you can't take  
31 fish counts in that river so what they do is they fly over  
32 the tributaries and they kind of take an estimate from the  
33 air of how many salmon, you know, are in those tributaries  
34 and that supposedly is supposed to give them a good idea of  
35 what the escapements and runs are, strengths in the Ahrnklin  
36 River. What this proposal says is that it's going to be on  
37 the ground and it's going to require a biologist of some  
38 kind, a marine biologist, or an anthropologist to do this  
39 study. And they're going to spend a couple years, you know,  
40 going into these tributaries and doing on the ground surveys.  
41 That probably would go to the Yakutat Enhancement Board  
42 Commission or it even can go to the tribe.

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44 The other proposal is a traditional knowledge  
45 proposal where a proposal is to go into the community and  
46 have a young person who has an anthropology degree or  
47 something in that order to go out and interview, you know,  
48 the elders about how it used to be managed in the past. That  
49 definitely would go to the tribe. And I think that the



50 proposals, you know, as we look at them would probably

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1 identify, you know, where these projects should be contracted  
2 out to and it's pretty clear on our three proposals, you  
3 know, where it should go except for one, it could go either  
4 to one body or to the tribe. And I think that the tribe can  
5 handle both of those.

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7 So I just wanted to share that with you as an example  
8 of how we view, you know, how this thing should be done. And  
9 I really think it's important that we do, you know, make the  
10 study of rivers and streams and so forth on sockeye and coho  
11 because that's our lifestyle. That's our subsistence  
12 lifestyle and we need to know more and more about it.

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14 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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16 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Another question coming to  
17 mind, the information that you folks are bringing now, is  
18 this representative of all the tribes in this region?

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20 MR. MARTIN: I mentioned in my presentation  
21 yesterday, that, yes, we approached this on a tribal  
22 government basis and our teleconferences included all IRA's  
23 in Southeast except Wrangell.

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25 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay. Now, the reason some  
26 of my questions might sound like I'm really misinformed, I  
27 am. Because I'm the only member at this table right now that  
28 is not actively involved with a tribe. I don't -- I'm not  
29 active in any IRAs. I don't go to any IRA meetings. I don't  
30 trust the IRAs. I don't like the IRAs. So that's why I'm  
31 where I'm at. So all these guys are IRA lovers on each side  
32 of me. IRA-huggers.

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34 Bob.

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36 MR. SCHROEDER: Mr. Chairman, I just had a  
37 comment back on Butch's suggestion, and also Ida's comment  
38 that this isn't money that is somehow earmarked to be divided  
39 up among tribes, however, we do have some real interesting  
40 things in Southeast Alaska, that if you look at where the  
41 tribal communities are, they're located in places largely  
42 because there are good sockeye streams around and the  
43 communities tend to be spread out a bit, except for Craig and  
44 Klawock, and Millie's talked about working closely with  
45 Klawock. So I think if you stood back and you said, well,  
46 who is going to look at different sockeye areas you probably  
47 would get a notion that this community's areas really include  
48 some streams and this one includes some other streams. And  
49 so I think it would probably fall out that each tribe would

50 have some concern.

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1           And the second part of that is that as tribes ramp up  
2 to do this work, there might be an appropriate level that a  
3 tribe could deal with in a first year or in a second year.  
4 So that would also say that you'd kind of like to spread  
5 things out a bit rather than swamp one tribe and not lead to  
6 development of these skills in another tribe.

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8           CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay. And another thing if  
9 we're going to bring recommendations forth on projects, we're  
10 going to need to know if the funding is available if the  
11 project will fall within the parameters of the funding that's  
12 available. I mean we don't want to go up there and ask for  
13 the moon and wind up with moondust.

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15           MR. SCHROEDER: Well, Mr. Chairman, it may be  
16 -- I haven't -- I've deliberately sort of stood back from  
17 individual projects and if you stand back a little bit it  
18 looks like what communities are proposing with respect to  
19 sockeye and coho are projects that run in the maybe 30 to  
20 \$50,000 range. And the specific work may differ in detail in  
21 a specific community. I know Sitka has real different  
22 concerns from Angoon. But the overall question could be the  
23 same. That's why I was back, at the get-go here, saying that  
24 if we're going to try to do something this year we may have  
25 a generalized proposal contract that then allows the tribe to  
26 do the work that's appropriate.

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28           CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay. Well, let's do  
29 something hypothetical here. Supposing this Council looks at  
30 a list that has been generated to this point, we come up with  
31 our version of what should go forward as the tribes have  
32 asked us to do, what can we anticipate from the tribes from  
33 that point?

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35           MR. MARTIN: Mr. Chairman, in our  
36 teleconferences there's understanding among the tribe that  
37 not all projects will get funded. There's also an  
38 understanding that if their projects are not funding they  
39 will be moved into the next year. And at our last meeting,  
40 the tribes protected -- I mean agreed to have us represent  
41 them and do the right thing but we're not sure what we were  
42 going to do. All we knew up to this point is we needed to  
43 get these proposals to the RAC Board, I mean Council, and  
44 this is where we're at.

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46           CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Bob.

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48           MR. SCHROEDER: Also these proposals, the  
49 request from the Federal Staff in Anchorage, was for one-page

50 proposals. And of course, some of us couldn't fit on one

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1 page but that's another question. So these aren't really  
2 fleshed out real well.

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4 The next step would be basically Staff work to work  
5 with specific tribes and coming up with something that was a  
6 little closer to something that was fundable. And that's why  
7 I'm back on just to say, one more time and then I won't say  
8 it again, if we came up with something that was more of a  
9 generic proposal, and then Staff worked with tribes on  
10 specifics, that might meet our goal if we want to get  
11 something going this year.

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13 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: So we haven't.....

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15 MS. WILSON: Mr. Chairman.

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17 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: .....we haven't -- we can  
18 anticipate another document from the tribes to consider or  
19 did you want us to consider what we have before us now?

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21 MR. SCHROEDER: Mr. Chairman, my suggestion  
22 is if the Council can deal with the four large topical areas  
23 and if the Council felt comfortable doing that then the next  
24 step would be for Staff to work on those if it's on all four  
25 project areas, which would be what I would recommend, work on  
26 all four project areas and to give you a little bit more meat  
27 on the bones. And that would be what would move this along.

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29 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: I think we're going to have  
30 to find a way to streamline this because from what I could  
31 see right now it's going to be a pretty cumbersome process  
32 for the Council. And if there's some way we could put it in  
33 a format that would reassemble the process that other  
34 proposals have been dealt with up to this point then we  
35 wouldn't have to change our posture on dealing with any  
36 proposals.

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38 Is that doable?

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40 MR. SCHROEDER: Mr. Chairman, we're basically  
41 -- and the we here is everyone who is concerned, is basically  
42 setting up something that's new, and part of that is setting  
43 up -- you know, we're focused on new projects. But also you  
44 need to talk about a new procedure that works, that's  
45 equitable, and thoughtful. And so I think that's in there.  
46 But we do have a question of basically who does what?

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48 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: See the reason for my  
49 bewilderment, is last year I saw a stack of documents this

50 high from the tribes in our region adamantly wanting to be

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1 part of a process with government-to-government, to be  
2 recognized. I thought that was going to result in a direct  
3 relationship with the agencies instead of the Advisory  
4 Council and I'm surprised at the direction it's taken. But  
5 I guess I can stand to be surprised once in a while. So I'll  
6 leave it.

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8 Marilyn.

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10 MS. WILSON: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I wanted to  
11 know about your generic proposal. Do you mean that we, as a  
12 Council, can make a generic proposal to the Federal Board  
13 stating we want to see sockeye and coho escapement and needs  
14 assessment and whatever and present -- and we would like to  
15 see these projects funded? Something like that, is that what  
16 you mean?

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18 MR. SCHROEDER: Yes. I was thinking of it --  
19 my mind was kind of working from the other end. But what I  
20 was working on is I was trying to think of how the few  
21 Federal Staff members who are able to work on proposals would  
22 possibly get things through contracting and I thought we'd  
23 just go crazy if we tried to get 10 different things through  
24 a contracting officer and get them specified out so I was  
25 thinking at that level. But if the Council did say something  
26 like what you were saying, that would definitely help because  
27 you would be saying, we need to know about is sockeye  
28 assessment, need and as well as in-season harvest monitoring.  
29 And then you could leave it to the Staff to work with tribes  
30 on this next step to get things rolling.

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32 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Ida.

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34 MR. MARTIN: Ida, stay up here with us.

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36 MS. HILDEBRAND: Hi. Well, maybe we need to  
37 get off this table and let the Council do their work. In  
38 response to your statement, Marilyn, yes, this Council can  
39 say these are the generic areas we want further studies into  
40 the Board. You can also put that in your annual report but  
41 it would be advantageous for this Council to say we want this  
42 project, we want this project, this is a good idea. The rest  
43 of them need further development as Bill suggested, you want  
44 something more focused but we would like to see something  
45 start in 2000 and these are the projects that are likely to  
46 -- that could be done in 2000. And you could add projects  
47 that aren't being addressed.

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49 So you could make the recommendations, both in your



50 annual report and in a statement to the Board. You can also

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1 make it -- you can do two things. You can choose to say, no,  
2 this is too much of a mess we want more time, we won't do  
3 anything at this time or you can say, we want to select  
4 something to get going, these are needs that have been  
5 stated. We agree with these, we go with these, whatever  
6 number or we want these projects to be developed more fully  
7 and come back for 2001 or some other future date.

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9 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Ida, the rest of the  
10 regions in the state, are they all subject to the same  
11 process?

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13 MS. HILDEBRAND: They are, but it seems it  
14 has been a lot clearer in the rest of the regions what the  
15 process was. The Regional Council, as usual, identified what  
16 are the important issues in their region, what are the  
17 burning issues; mainly, what are the things we feel we really  
18 need to answer this year and they designed projects around  
19 them. They contacted ADF&G to see if they had anything that  
20 was already ongoing that was addressing that you could add on  
21 a subsistence component or if they didn't, they contacted the  
22 local tribe where that data was going to be gathered, the  
23 people in that local community, they didn't have to be  
24 tribal, is there something that you're doing now that we  
25 could help you do, is there something you've been wanting to  
26 do to address this issue, we now have money to help you do.  
27 So the focus was easier in that sense and the Councils just  
28 said, okay, go, and they didn't focus so much on who got the  
29 money as who's getting the information, is this relevant  
30 information?

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32 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: What about Southcentral, is  
33 that how it worked in Region 2 as well?

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35 MS. HILDEBRAND: I unfortunately was at their  
36 meeting before they went into this discussion -- I had to go  
37 back to Washington and I missed that portion of their program

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39 MR. CLARK: Mr. Chairman.

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41 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Fred.

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43 MR. CLARK: The Council members may remember  
44 that after this kind of ad hoc group first got together to  
45 look at project proposals, there were several project  
46 proposals that came up during that first meeting.  
47 Immediately after that I called all of the Council members  
48 and asked them if they had any projects or concerns and told  
49 them what the process -- what stage the process was in at

50 that time and we did get several ideas from Council members

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1 that then went to the group as a whole and helped direct  
2 somewhat the direction that that group was going. So the  
3 Council members did have some early, early input.

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5 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Oh, yeah, that I don't have  
6 a problem with. There wasn't anything said about government-  
7 to-government then. That was the Council doing business as  
8 usual at that time, see. So this is the only thing. You  
9 know, when the request for a government-to-government was  
10 first requested, I thought all right, you know, the tribes  
11 are really going to get in their with the Feds and become  
12 part of the process. And I'm just kind of surprised at the  
13 direction it's heading. I'm not objecting, I'm just  
14 surprised.

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16 Bob.

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18 MR. SCHROEDER: I just picked up on something  
19 that Vicki said earlier in the discussion about how it, in an  
20 ideal world, perhaps you guys could be meeting every month  
21 for a week instead of two times a year, that in an ideal  
22 world the Council would have decided on what the data needs  
23 were and perhaps that would have gone out, the information  
24 needs, and that could go out for proposals. I think that's  
25 what you were suggesting. Because of the time lines that  
26 Harold mentioned yesterday of October 1 being the first time  
27 anyone could move and the various groups in the region only  
28 becoming aware of and starting to work on this this December,  
29 the Council didn't get a chance to do this, this is what we  
30 want first, it's data request. I think what we have here is,  
31 on the one hand the group that is informally convened around  
32 this has been, in some way a tribal group, but it's also the  
33 most representative group that exists in Southeast Alaska for  
34 looking at subsistence data needs and things that are going  
35 on in communities.

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37 So perhaps we should get a little bit off the square  
38 of this tribal business and think about the data that you  
39 need. And it's quite likely that quite a few of these  
40 projects would go to tribes but it may be that your focus is  
41 more on what you want to know and then from there we work to  
42 how you get to know what you want to know.

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44 MR. MARTIN: Mr. Chairman, during our  
45 deliberations the tribes looked at these projects as a  
46 cooperative effort between the Forest Service, State Fish and  
47 Game Department and tribes. The State already has some data  
48 on a lot of these things that are proposed, the Forest  
49 Service has some data, it's a matter of putting them together

50 and the tribes doing the rest of the work.

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1                   CHAIRMAN THOMAS: This isn't going to result  
2 in conflict with the provision of Title VIII by focusing our  
3 energy to a tribe, is it?

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5                   MR. CLARK: No.

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7                   CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Because we're supposed to  
8 represent the cultures of the Native and the non-Native.

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10                  MR. CLARK: Mr. Chairman, the.....

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12                  MR. JOHNSON: I don't think so.

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14                  MR. CLARK: .....issues are overall for the  
15 program, the issues aren't only tribal issues.

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17                  MS. LeCORNNU: Could I clarify that?

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19                  CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Yes.

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21                  MS. LeCORNNU: I guess maybe if we understand  
22 that we're dealing with a small package and those are other  
23 people besides tribes; is that correct?

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25                  MR. MARTIN: Uh-huh.

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27                  MS. LeCORNNU: So it would be like the  
28 Forestry Lab and others also that we would be prioritizing;  
29 is that correct? All of these?

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31                  MR. SCHROEDER: Mr. Chairman.....

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33                  MS. LeCORNNU: Okay, well, in that regard then  
34 I would have to say that, you know, in response to Bob, the  
35 information I see in some of these is not the information I  
36 would be after. Like some of these TRUCK studies that I've  
37 complained about forever that don't address the real  
38 question. And so I would go through those with a -- I mean  
39 the tribal projects, I said are important, and I won't even  
40 argue with those even if they aren't to the right  
41 information, they're going to be good information. But some  
42 of this information doesn't get the information we want at  
43 all.

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45                  CHAIRMAN THOMAS: You know, everybody else in  
46 this process gets called together on a very frequent basis to  
47 discuss a lot less than what's being put on our plate at this  
48 time. And I don't know how we can be effective in looking at  
49 this individually and trying to come together collectively

50 twice a year to do it any good. Maybe we can, and it remains

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1 to be seen. So I'm willing to move off the square, let's see  
2 what else is here.

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4 MR. SCHROEDER: Well, Mr. Chairman, I think  
5 we do have an unusual situation. And the.....

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7 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Thank you.

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9 MR. SCHROEDER: .....alternatives, however --  
10 and I really appreciate how the Council gets a large packet  
11 of complicated information and then has to figure out what  
12 sort of advice to give on it. I'd just point out also that  
13 if the Council rises to the occasion, as you always do, even  
14 though you get dragged in at the last moment on certain  
15 things, that that carries a good deal of weight. I know just  
16 referring to some earlier, really complicated situations on  
17 the development of the Tongass Land Management Plan, Council  
18 gave special effort to that and made a real difference on  
19 that plan and what came forth. I think the alternative is  
20 simply to let government do it for you and then be not real  
21 pleased with the results and then to come back a year or two  
22 from now and say, well, we really didn't want that -- those  
23 projects, we need information.....

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25 MS. HILDEBRAND: Point of order, Mr.  
26 Chairman.

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28 MR. SCHROEDER: .....et cetera.

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30 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Ida, point.

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32 MS. HILDEBRAND: The point was to ask this  
33 Council to look at these projects and prioritize them, either  
34 as relevant, irrelevant, high priority, zero priority, low  
35 priority. Does the Council want to move ahead on any project  
36 to begin in 2000? Does the Council want more time and,  
37 therefore, will not do any projects and will begin in 2001?  
38 The 2000 projects is an abbreviated process because the  
39 Federal government was forbidden to move until October 1 when  
40 the State failed to act. The Staff Committee and other  
41 Federal agency people have been involved, Cal Casipit and Ken  
42 Thompson have been involved in those discussions, should have  
43 kept this Council abreast of those decisions and movements.  
44 The abbreviated process is a rush process to get something on  
45 the ground for the 2000 season. The 2001 season would have  
46 had more direct Council involvement as the projects were  
47 being discussed and unfolded.

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49 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay, I appreciate that.



50 But the reason why we're stopped with where we're at is

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1 because the Chairman of the Council has a lot of information  
2 to gather yet and I just feel like I was broadsided on more  
3 than one side. And until I get that satisfied we're going to  
4 stay where we're at because I don't have to travel until  
5 tomorrow so we're going to work at the convenience of the  
6 Chair.

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8 Bob, do you have more comments. Cal.

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10 MR. CASIPIT: I just wanted to mention a  
11 couple things. Ida was right on, this is an abbreviated  
12 process for 2000. We were trying to get projects approved by  
13 the Board through this and recommended through this body to  
14 get projects, high priority projects on the ground this year,  
15 for the summer, get projects going. For the year 2001,  
16 another task that I would like to have done by the Council,  
17 and this is referred to in this little short package that I  
18 handed out the other day, where it has the time line for  
19 2001. If you notice there between February 17th and March  
20 30th, the Councils are to prioritize management issues and  
21 information needs. This kind of gets back to what Vicki was  
22 talking about. But at this time, is the time for the Council  
23 to direct the agency -- or to prioritize their issues and  
24 their information needs and get them out -- you know, we've  
25 offered to put them up on a flip chart and work with you, but  
26 actually get those issues out so that -- and get some  
27 direction to the agency to start developing proposals for  
28 2001. The time to do that is now is for 2001, let us know  
29 what the information needs of the Council and the issues that  
30 you would like us to work on.

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32 Now, some of these projects that we've developed for  
33 2000 definitely can go on to 2001. We don't have to fund the  
34 entire package this year. This was just the.....

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36 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay, let me stop you  
37 there. Now, see the difference between you and me is that  
38 you've been working on this for the better part of a  
39 year.....

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41 MR. CASIPIT: Well.....

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43 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: .....I had these dropped in  
44 front of me yesterday. I haven't even had time to open them  
45 up yet. So there's no way I can intelligently represent the  
46 information that was given to me because I haven't had a  
47 chance to do that. It's kind of hard to run a meeting and  
48 review material that has to do with something -- another part  
49 of our agenda. So this is why I'm taking time to where I can

50 reach a point of absorbing something that makes sense to me.

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1 Vicki.

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3 MS. LeCORNUE: I agree, Bill, and I would like  
4 to know is there a deadline that we're working under for this  
5 that we can maybe possibly individually review these and give  
6 our own input individually? A deadline. I mean I feel  
7 pressured today to do it.

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9 MR. MARTIN: Mr. Chairman, this was our  
10 deadline. We're presenting it to you with hopes that you  
11 would make recommendations to the Subsistence Board.

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13 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: I have every intent of  
14 doing that. We'll do what we can while we're in session this  
15 time. We will use Cal's gracious offer with the flip chart,  
16 it's just that there's been a lot of information that has  
17 come to me since you suggested the flip chart, which is good.  
18 Like I said, I'm not objecting. I'm just letting you know  
19 that there's a lot for me to absorb that I've never heard  
20 before or even anticipated, and I don't know if I'll ever get  
21 over my surprise on how this is happening but we will go  
22 forward with it.

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24 So having said that, we're ready to do our flip --  
25 we're ready to flip. Cal.

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27 MR. SCHROEDER: Mr. Chairman.

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29 MR. CLARK: Mr. Chairman.

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31 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Bob.

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33 MR. SCHROEDER: Just on the question of  
34 deadlines, realistically speaking if something isn't in place  
35 -- if we're not moving forward on contracting things real  
36 soon we don't do anything this season. And.....

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38 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: I understand that.

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40 MR. SCHROEDER: .....that's back -- back  
41 where we started out, it has to do with if we have that as a  
42 high priority and whether we like it or not, and I certainly  
43 don't like it, time's a wasting.

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45 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Well, we knew this in  
46 Anchorage. This was introduced to us in Anchorage. It was  
47 said then that we'll be damn lucky to get anything moving  
48 this year because of the different circumstances that  
49 surrounded this process. They were late getting the

50 information to Anchorage. Now, it's coming to us and a lot

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1 of time has moved since then and we may not be able to  
2 satisfy that deadline. We're going to give it our best  
3 effort.

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5 MR. JOHNSON: Mr. Chairman, just a quick  
6 comment. In terms of the information coming out, if it's any  
7 help here, the folks that have been working on this, we  
8 didn't see any real -- anything real definitively on the  
9 process until about February 14th, correct me if I'm wrong,  
10 I believe that was the first real draft from the.....

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12 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Well, that's okay.

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14 MR. CLARK: That's.....

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16 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: But when we get to the flip  
17 chart I want to see definitive things. Go see Cal.

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19 MR. ADAMS: Mr. Chairman.

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21 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Bert. Go ahead Cal, we're  
22 ready to do that.

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24 MR. ADAMS: Am I on?

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26 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: You're on.

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28 MR. ADAMS: Thank you. Mr. Chairman, the way  
29 that I see this process working is we've got to think of  
30 what, four projects here, if we can prioritize those projects  
31 right now and then Staff and a committee maybe from this body  
32 here could sit down and start work -- identifying and working  
33 on those projects. And then where I see government-to-  
34 government relationship coming in, Mr. Chairman, is that once  
35 those projects have been identified and everything, then the  
36 Staff of the Forest Service or whoever, Federal agency, you  
37 know, would be involved in these would start working with  
38 tribal governments if it involves tribal governments or it  
39 would work with other agencies, like the State or like in,  
40 for instance, Yakutat, the Salmon Enhancement Board, and  
41 organizations such as that. To me, that simplifies  
42 everything. All we need to do is maybe just prioritize these  
43 four projects that we have and then turn it over to Staff and  
44 the committee to start working with them in more detail.

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46 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: That's what we're going to  
47 do. And all I'm going to do is direct traffic. Marilyn  
48 first, age is always first.

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MS. WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I was

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1 thinking we could make a motion to get started here because  
2 we're doing a lot of talking and the fastest way is to make  
3 motions to handle that.

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5 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Is that a motion?

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7 MS. WILSON: I make a motion that.....

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9 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Vicki.

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11 MS. WILSON: .....the Council prioritize  
12 projects to be funded for the year 2000.

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14 MR. STOKES: I'll second that motion.

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16 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Moved and seconded, we're  
17 now discussing a motion.

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19 MR. ADAMS: Call for the question, Mr.  
20 Chairman.

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22 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Question's been called.  
23 All those in favor say aye.

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25 IN UNISON: Aye.

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27 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Those opposed say no.

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29 (No opposing votes)

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31 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay. That motion's been  
32 adopted and Vicki's got a comment.

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34 MS. LeCORNUE: I'd like to -- I don't know if  
35 I'll be here later but, you know, Cal mentioned we have to  
36 make some criteria for the next year also and I hope that we  
37 would move a recommendation that the criteria be as explained  
38 in ANILCA, for an identification of current and anticipated  
39 subsistence uses of fish and wildlife populations within the  
40 region, evaluating the needs and recommended strategies that  
41 we would come up with that information. So I hope we would  
42 adopt that before the next proposals go out.

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44 MS. WILSON: Do you have that written down?

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46 MS. LeCORNUE: It's just to accept the ANILCA.

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48 MS. WILSON: Oh ANILCA?

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MS. LeCORNU: Yeah, informed information

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1 gathering.

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3 MR. MARTIN: Mr. Chairman, Matt Kookesh was  
4 involved in this process right from the start, I'd like to  
5 ask him to come up and sit with us.

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7 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Matt. Where's Floyd?

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9 MR. KOOKESH: Right here.

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11 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: What do you think? Okay.

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13 MR. KOOKESH: I'm thinking, Mr. Chairman.

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15 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay.

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17 MR. M. KOOKESH: Is this the hot spot or  
18 what?

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20 MR. KOOKESH: Yeah.

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22 MR. M. KOOKESH: I was wondering why he asked  
23 me to come up.

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25 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: That's typically reserved  
26 for Feds but we'll make an exception this time.

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28 MR. SCHROEDER: I think we now have to move  
29 from Laurel and Hardy to possibly the Three Stooges.

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31 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: You want to be Mo?

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33 MR. SCHROEDER: We got Curly over here.

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35 MS. WILSON: Mr. Chairman.

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37 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Marilyn.

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39 MS. WILSON: I was wondering if we were going  
40 to -- instead of looking at all of these projects and trying  
41 to decide on them, are we going to decide or make a motion to  
42 take care of this sockeye and coho, those two, assessments  
43 and needs?

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45 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: That's up to the Council.

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47 MS. WILSON: Well, I think I will make a  
48 motion to that effect, to take care of the most important  
49 thing.....



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1 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: You don't need to make a  
2 motion. Just start your comments off in that area, that's  
3 what we'll do.

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5 MS. WILSON: Okay.

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7 MR. ADAMS: Mr. Chairman.

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9 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Bert.

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11 MR. ADAMS: Maybe I can answer Marilyn's  
12 concern there. Once we prioritize, Marilyn, number 1, number  
13 2, number 3, number 4; I think that kind of sets the stage  
14 for which ones Staff and the committee should start working  
15 on.

16  
17 MS. WILSON: Okay, then I don't need to do  
18 that.

19  
20 MR. ADAMS: Right.

21  
22 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay, I need a facilitator  
23 and I need one that will make me look good.

24  
25 MR. ADAMS: Don't call on me Mr. Chairman, I  
26 won't make you look good.

27  
28 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: You do anyway, because as  
29 I say, compared to Bert -- okay, guys, we're ready to move  
30 off that square, where do we go? How do we get there? We're  
31 not going to do a lot of talking we're just going to get work  
32 done.

33  
34 MR. ADAMS: Mr. Chairman.

35  
36 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Bert.

37  
38 MR. ADAMS: Maybe we can have Cal write all  
39 of those four projects on the chart there and then we could  
40 look at them.

41  
42 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Your wish is his command.

43  
44 MR. CASIPIT: I've got all four categories up  
45 here. Harvest monitoring.....

46  
47 REPORTER: Wait. Cal, can you just clip --  
48 those microphones will reach all the way over so just clip  
49 one on and you can walk all over.



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1 MR. CASIPIT: Okay, how's that, better?

2  
3 REPORTER: Perfect.

4  
5 MR. CASIPIT: I've put the four categories of  
6 projects up here. I've got harvest monitoring, subsistence  
7 regulation review, traditional knowledge.

8  
9 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: You dropped something Cal.

10  
11 MR. CASIPIT: I can't write and talk at the  
12 same time.

13  
14 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Floyd can.

15  
16 MR. CASIPIT: Traditional knowledge, and  
17 sockeye/coho stock status.

18  
19 MR. CLARK: Would it be beneficial for the  
20 Council if we moved the chart out in front?

21  
22 MS. WILSON: Yeah.

23  
24 MR. CASIPIT: Okay, let's do that, okay.

25  
26 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Just when Cal got it on a  
27 good rhythm now we got to make a change.

28  
29 MS. STEVENS: Mr. Chairman.

30  
31 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Yes.

32  
33 MS. STEVENS: Now, that Cal's all situated,  
34 because it's so close to the noon hour and before we get  
35 heavily into this can we just break for lunch.

36  
37 MR. ADAMS: Good idea.

38  
39 MS. STEVENS: Thank you.

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41 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: We're broke for lunch.  
42 Thank you, Cal.

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44 (Off record)

45  
46 (On record)

47  
48 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay, that's the first  
49 priority listed?



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1 MR. CASIPIT: No, what I did is I we had four  
2 categories of -- is this thing on?

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4 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: I could hear you fine.

5  
6 REPORTER: Yes.

7  
8 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Go ahead.

9  
10 MR. CASIPIT: Of all the projects that is in  
11 that packet we have four different categories, sockeye, coho  
12 stock status, traditional knowledge, subsistence regulatory  
13 review and then the harvest monitoring. Now, I think and I  
14 don't want to kind of tell you what to do but I thought maybe  
15 what we could do is basically under each of these categories,  
16 maybe select out the most -- the highest priority projects  
17 from the list for each of the categories.

18  
19 And I think Harold and Matt Kookesh had some specific  
20 recommendations that they wanted to talk about.

21  
22 MR. ADAMS: Mr. Chairman.

23  
24 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Bert.

25  
26 MR. ADAMS: My original of having these four  
27 projects put up there was to have them all on one page with  
28 no number.

29  
30 MR. CASIPIT: Okay.

31  
32 MR. ADAMS: And then we would look at it and  
33 then we would say, okay, this is number 1, number 2, number  
34 3, then we can go into number 1 and do all of the projects  
35 under that category and so forth.

36  
37 MR. CASIPIT: Okay, well, I can put them all  
38 on.....

39  
40 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: You could leave those  
41 numbers on there but we just won't use them as a priority.

42  
43 MR. CASIPIT: This didn't refer to priority  
44 it was just.....

45  
46 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: It was just a listing.

47  
48 MR. CASIPIT: .....four categories.

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CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Yes.

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1 MR. CASIPIT: Right. Okay, so let's go ahead  
2 and do what Bert wanted.

3  
4 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: No, let's not.

5  
6 MR. CASIPIT: Oh, okay.

7  
8 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Go ahead, Cal.

9  
10 MR. CASIPIT: Oh, okay. Okay.

11  
12 MR. ADAMS: Now, Mr. Chairman.....

13  
14 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Bert.

15  
16 MR. ADAMS: .....what I envisioned here was  
17 we look at these four different proposals here and then we  
18 prioritize them.

19  
20 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay.

21  
22 MR. ADAMS: Then as we prioritize them, then  
23 we can take number 1 and go through all of the projects under  
24 number 1 and then prioritize those and so forth until we get  
25 through all of them.

26  
27 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay.

28  
29 MR. ADAMS: I think that we've got the first  
30 two there, I think that should be number 1 and number 2.

31  
32 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay.

33  
34 MR. ADAMS: And it's debatable for the other  
35 two.

36  
37 MS. WILSON: Sockeye and.....

38  
39 MR. ADAMS: Sockeye and coho stock and  
40 traditional knowledge.

41  
42 MR. CASIPIT: Is that one and two in that  
43 order?

44  
45 MR. ADAMS: Yes.

46  
47 MS. WILSON: I agree.

48  
49 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: If I were going to do that

50 I would have had number 4 as one so we could see where we're

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1 at with regards to what's been happening but that will work.

2

3 Okay, what else?

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5 MS. WILSON: Mr. Chairman.

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7 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Yes.

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9 MS. WILSON: Right here.

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11 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Marilyn.

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13 MS. WILSON: Before we could even use  
14 traditional knowledge, it seems like we would have to go  
15 through the regulatory process and see how we could change  
16 that in order to encompass the traditional knowledge into it.

17

18 MR. CLARK: We could do that without it.

19

20 MS. WILSON: We can?

21

22 MR. CLARK: Yeah.

23

24 MS. WILSON: I take that back.

25

26 MR. ADAMS: Mr. Chairman.

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28 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Bert.

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30 MR. ADAMS: I kind of agree with your first  
31 comment. I think that it's pretty important to look at  
32 regulation review and then everything else will kind of fall  
33 into place after that.

34

35 So it looks to me like then it would be regulation  
36 review as your first priority and then sockeye and coho stock  
37 number 2, traditional knowledge, and then the other one just  
38 falls naturally into number 4, right?

39

40 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Yeah. So sockeye would be  
41 two.

42

43 MS. WILSON: So which one's number 1 now?

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45 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Four.

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47 MR. ADAMS: Regulation review.

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49 MS. WILSON: Number 1.



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1 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Yeah.

2  
3 MR. ADAMS: There you go.

4  
5 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: That will give you a trail  
6 to follow.

7  
8 MS. WILSON: Number 2.

9  
10 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Two, three, four, one.

11  
12 MS. WILSON: I can't see it so you have to  
13 tell me.

14  
15 MR. CASIPIT: Sorry.

16  
17 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Two, three, four, one from  
18 the top.

19  
20 MS. WILSON: I wrote mine down different.

21  
22 MR. ADAMS: Number 2, Marilyn.....

23  
24 MS. WILSON: Traditional knowledge.

25  
26 MR. ADAMS: .....would be sockeye/coho stock.

27  
28 MS. WILSON: Which one's number 2?

29  
30 MR. ADAMS: Sockeye/coho.

31  
32 MS. WILSON: Okay.

33  
34 MR. CLARK: Just as a point of information,  
35 Mr. Chairman, the regulation review is going to be an ongoing  
36 part of the program anyways. Just a little piece of  
37 information.

38  
39 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: That will still be our  
40 starting point.

41  
42 MR. CLARK: Right, fine.

43  
44 MR. ADAMS: Yeah. So that regulation review  
45 would be at our elbow all the time as we go through the other  
46 processes.

47  
48 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Uh-huh.

49

MR. CLARK: Yeah.

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1 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay, now, what?

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3 MR. CASIPIT: Okay. Well, according to what  
4 Bert wanted to do he wanted to go by priority work on each of  
5 these subtopics. So I guess if we're going to go by priority  
6 we would go to the regulation review next.

7  
8 And what I'm going to do, I'll scratch this out and  
9 I'm just going to write on here, priority one, since that's  
10 what we all agreed to. As far as specific projects for  
11 regulatory review, we only received one proposal from Angoon  
12 Community Association in that list, so there is only one  
13 project that deals with regulation reviews.

14  
15 MS. WILSON: What's the heading?

16  
17 MR. CASIPIT: It would be on the tribal  
18 government proposals, it would be the sixth project down on  
19 the spreadsheet list.

20  
21 MS. WILSON: Oh, okay.

22  
23 MR. CASIPIT: And if you want to read the  
24 specific proposal it's in there somewhere. It would be the  
25 10th page back in the tribal proposals. So since that's the  
26 only proposal am I okay to write that project down here?

27  
28 MR. ADAMS: Yes.

29  
30 MR. CASIPIT: Okay. Okay, like I say, the  
31 only project that we have in this list was proposed by Angoon  
32 Community Association and the long title was regulation  
33 review to achieve customary and traditional harvest methods.

34  
35 Okay, are we ready to move on to two?

36  
37 MS. WILSON: Yes.

38  
39 MR. CASIPIT: Okay. Now, I'll flip back and  
40 as you notice we had sockeye/coho stock status listed as  
41 priority two so I'm going to go ahead and flip over to that  
42 page and cross this out.

43  
44 For this particular category, sockeye/coho stock  
45 status, we have many projects identified. And I think -- and  
46 I believe this is the category that I think Matt and Harold  
47 had some specific recommendations that they wanted to share  
48 with the Council. So I guess at this point if you guys feel  
49 comfortable, come up and have you talk about those. I'll try



50 to capture things as we go here.

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1 MR. M. KOOKESH: Mr. Chairman.

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3 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Matt.

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5 MR. M. KOOKESH: One of the things we're  
6 doing here is Harold and I have spent a lot of time on the  
7 phone with different tribes within the last month and so what  
8 I'm recapping is sort of my relationship with those tribal  
9 members and their projects. And I realize that I'm also  
10 using my experience as a researcher in Southeast Alaska. And  
11 I may not have all the answers or all the projects in the  
12 order that people agree but I have a list of projects that I  
13 think are important and a lot of it's based on resource  
14 shortages, competition, and let me remind you it's also  
15 anecdotal, meaning that it's just based on experiences that  
16 I've had and conversations I've had with different tribes.

17  
18 And one of the systems that, to me, is the most  
19 important -- well, there's two systems, there's Klawock Inlet  
20 and the Falls Lake. And those systems there are verified by  
21 proposals to the Board of Fish and Board of Game. So the  
22 Klawock proposal was submitted by the community and I don't  
23 know who submitted the Falls Lake proposal but I know Kake  
24 didn't do it. But both these proposals were going to  
25 restrict subsistence use in those areas. And that's how  
26 strong people feel about the shortage of fish in those  
27 systems.

28  
29 Silver salmon in Sitka is also a proposal that was  
30 submitted by Sitka Tribes and that also is a shortage in the  
31 resource and competition from charter industry. And the same  
32 with the saltlake silvers and sockeye. There's a lot of  
33 competition from charter groups and a lot of unknown data.

34  
35 And all four of these projects that I've mentioned so  
36 far and of course, Hetta Lake is also another one. There's  
37 a lot of lack of data there. Nobody knows what's coming out  
38 of those systems and nobody knows what's going in those  
39 systems. And with all these different user groups coming in  
40 at different times, we're not able to keep track of those  
41 systems. So I would recommend Klawock Inlet, Falls and Gut  
42 Lake, Sitka proposal on silver salmon, the Angoon proposal on  
43 saltlake and the Hetta Lake as proposed by Hydaburg  
44 Cooperative Association. And that's all I have to recommend  
45 at this time unless Harold has more to add.

46  
47 MS. WILSON: Are you recommending these to be  
48 on the priority?

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MR. M. KOOKESH: Yes, I am. And the reason

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1 why I'm doing this is I know exactly what you guys are facing  
2 because we faced it about two or three meetings where, what  
3 is the priority? And you know, nobody could come up with a  
4 priority so I thought well, I'll come up with a priority for  
5 you based on my experiences and based on our conversations  
6 with the different tribes.

7  
8 MS. WILSON: Can you go through that real  
9 slow, the list?

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11 MR. M. KOOKESH: The Klawock Inlet proposal  
12 by Klawock Cooperative Association.

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14 MS. WILSON: Klawock Inlet?

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16 MR. M. KOOKESH: Right. That's a sockeye  
17 proposal.

18  
19 MS. WILSON: Falls Lake.

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21 MR. M. KOOKESH: The Falls and Gut Lake  
22 proposal by Kake. And there's a silver salmon proposal by  
23 Sitka. And then there's the Angoon proposal, I think it's  
24 written, customary and traditional self-determination  
25 project, I think that's what it's called. And then there's  
26 the Hetta Lake sockeye project.

27  
28 MR. MARTIN: Mr. Chairman, some of these  
29 proposals are gear to protect our subsistence. Like, for  
30 instance, Falls Lake, during last years State Board of Fish  
31 hearings there was a proposal that they do away with  
32 subsistence at Falls Lake and turn it into a dipnet fishery.  
33 I'm not sure what became of that but these projects that Matt  
34 just pointed out was also in our deliberations, was also a  
35 priority of the State Fish and Game Department and the Forest  
36 Service, there was an agreement to that.

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38 MS. STEVENS: Mr. Chairman.

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40 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Millie.

41  
42 MS. STEVENS: Okay, so the way I see it,  
43 there's one, two, three, four, five, six, because you have  
44 Falls Lake/Gut Lake, that's.....

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46 MR. M. KOOKESH: That's one.

47  
48 MS. STEVENS: It's the same area?

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MR. M. KOOKESH: Uh-huh.

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1 MS. STEVENS: Okay, so five.

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3 MR. STOKES: Just five, isn't there?

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5 MR. MARTIN: Uh-huh.

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7 MS. WILSON: So this would be underneath  
8 priority number 2, right, sockeye and coho?

9  
10 MR. M. KOOKESH: Right.

11  
12 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Is that all we have listed  
13 so far?

14  
15 MR. CASIPIT: What I tried to do was capture  
16 Matt's recommendations now. I guess it's up to the Council on  
17 whether they want to accept that but I wrote it down anyway.  
18 I saw some heads nodding and I wrote it down anyway.

19  
20 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: What's the wish of the  
21 Council.

22  
23 MR. STOKES: Mr. Chairman, I move we accept  
24 these priorities as listed.

25  
26 MS. STEVENS: Second.

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28 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Moved and seconded,  
29 discussion.

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31 MS. WILSON: Question.

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33 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Question's been called.  
34 All those in favor say aye.

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36 IN UNISON: Aye.

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38 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Those opposed no.

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40 (No opposing votes)

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42 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Motion carries.

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44 MR. M. KOOKESH: Thank you.

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46 MR. KOOKESH: Mr. Chairman.

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48 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Floyd.

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MR. KOOKESH: What is the total amount for

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1 all those projects at this stage since we.....

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3 MR. CASIPIT: We can.....

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5 MR. ADAMS: Mr. Chairman.

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7 MR. CLARK: Mr. Chairman.

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9 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Bert.

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11 MR. ADAMS: I don't think that we ought to  
12 really be concerned with costs at this time because once we  
13 start looking at the figures and everything we might find  
14 ourselves getting into micromanaging and I don't think we  
15 should be involved in that kind of business.

16

17 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Yeah, we got no interest in  
18 money right now. Fred.

19

20 MR. CLARK: That's the point I was going to  
21 make, Mr. Chairman. That the cost figures are rough  
22 estimates and the cost figures are going to change anyway.

23

24 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: So there will be no more  
25 discussion on money. We can't discuss something we don't  
26 have.

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28 MR. M. KOOKESH: Mr. Chairman.

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30 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Matt.

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32 MR. M. KOOKESH: One of the things Bob  
33 Schroeder has brought up and a few other Forest Service  
34 personnel is that in order to make these projects successful,  
35 you know, because the tribes do not have the infrastructure,  
36 such as Fish and Game or the Forest Service to make projects  
37 successful, to make these projects successful, we're  
38 considering forming a technical committee.

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40 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: We, being who?

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42 MR. M. KOOKESH: The Forest Service,  
43 subsistence users, Fish and Game people, and whoever else  
44 wants to be a part of this committee, the tribes and so to  
45 make them successful we're going to form this committee to  
46 streamline these proposals so that everything's consistent  
47 and the projects are all the same from Hydaburg all the way  
48 up to Angoon.

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1           You want me to wait?

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3           MR. CLARK: I'll just point out that Council  
4 members can be a member of that committee as well, that  
5 technical committee.

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7           CHAIRMAN THOMAS: All right.

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9           MR. M. KOOKESH: We just want to make sure  
10 that all the resources are the same, whether it's sockeye or  
11 coho, all the methodology for the research is the same, the  
12 survey form to harvest the resource or to survey the  
13 subsistence user, the C&T or the technical report. Because  
14 if we don't have them all the same then we have a chance for  
15 a tribe falling out of this project and to make them  
16 successful we want Angoon to be talking to Klawock and vice  
17 versa and, of course, having some sort of relationship with  
18 the Forest Service.

19

20           CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay, that's fine with me.  
21 I have a little skepticism because of the shape these are in  
22 right now but we'll see.

23

24           Okay, no objections.

25

26           MR. CASIPIT: Are we ready to move on to  
27 priority three.

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29           MR. ADAMS: Mr. Chairman.

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31           MR. CASIPIT: Oh, I'm sorry.

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33           CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Bert.

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35           MR. ADAMS: Is that all we're going to work  
36 on, is there other projects that we can include on this list?

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38           CHAIRMAN THOMAS: It's up to you guys.

39

40           MR. ADAMS: I would like to add the three  
41 Yakutat proposals.

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43           CHAIRMAN THOMAS: We're not interested in  
44 Yakutat.

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46           MR. ADAMS: I know I noticed that.

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48           MS. STEVENS: Okay, Mr. Chairman, aren't we  
49 talking about a priority list for like real soon?



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1 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Yeah. Right now these are  
2 identified projects. They're not prioritized at the moment.

3  
4 MS. STEVENS: Okay.

5  
6 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: So Bert wants to get  
7 Yakutat somehow in on the game, he feels left out.

8  
9 MR. ADAMS: Please do.

10  
11 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay. Speak your peace  
12 Bert.

13  
14 MR. ADAMS: That's all, I just wanted to  
15 include the three Yakutat projects. There's one on the study  
16 of the Situk Mountain Lake.

17  
18 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Is that with sockeye/coho?

19  
20 MR. ADAMS: It's sockeye and coho.

21  
22 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay.

23  
24 MR. ADAMS: Mostly sockeye. I think Mr. Bob  
25 Schroeder will be able to elaborate on those a little bit  
26 more.

27  
28 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: We don't need to elaborate  
29 on them we just need to identify them.

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31 MS. WILSON: Mr. Chairman.

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33 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Marilyn.

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35 MS. WILSON: Where could we put needs  
36 assessment? Vicki mentioned needs assessment and I do think  
37 that's important, that's in the Title VIII also.

38  
39 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Right now we're identifying  
40 projects.

41  
42 MS. WILSON: Well, that could be a project.

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44 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Needs assessment.

45  
46 MS. WILSON: Yes.

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48 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay, tell us what you  
49 want.



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1 MS. WILSON: Each community has a survey of  
2 its people to see the needs assessment of the salmon, sockeye  
3 and coho. Would that fall under.....

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5 MR. CASIPIT: We have a separate thing  
6 for.....

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8 MS. WILSON: I don't know what priority that  
9 would fall under, what we're doing now, under the sockeye and  
10 coho or maybe it's under the monitoring and harvest.

11  
12 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Bert.

13  
14 MR. ADAMS: No, I'm just stretching Mr.  
15 Chairman.

16  
17 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Floyd.

18  
19 MR. KOOKESH: Can I ask, based on your  
20 professional opinion, other than the five you've listed,  
21 where does, in terms of priority, where would the Situk, the  
22 Yakutat projects fall?

23  
24 MR. ADAMS: Number 1 and number 2.

25  
26 MR. KOOKESH: I was asking for a professional  
27 opinion.

28  
29 MR. ADAMS: I would fall under the ones  
30 that's already passed.

31  
32 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Bert gave his humble  
33 advice.

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35 MR. CLARK: Are you asking that of a  
36 particular person?

37  
38 MR. KOOKESH: Yes, I'm asking them because if  
39 we're going to be throwing -- I'd say put Angoon's projects  
40 in there also, we all consider them a priority.

41  
42 MR. M. KOOKESH: Mr. Chairman.

43  
44 MR. KOOKESH: I would recommend that we stick  
45 with harvest monitoring because that seems to be the most  
46 important information that we're lacking right now, good  
47 harvest data. And if you add anything to do with -- I think,  
48 what did you have on their Bert, what was that?

49

MR. ADAMS: Okay, there's the Situk Mountain

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1 Lake study. This is a scientific method.....

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3 MR. M. KOOKESH: Right.

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5 MR. ADAMS: .....determining what the  
6 strength of the sockeye and coho runs are in these lakes  
7 using nitrogen 15 method of figuring these things out. I  
8 think that falls in line with harvest. The Situk/Ahrnklin  
9 River study is an on the ground study of Ahrnklin River  
10 tributaries. The Ahrnklin River, itself, is a muddy river so  
11 you can't determine, you know, by sight, you know what types  
12 of strength of runs are in there so they use these  
13 tributaries as a benchmark and they just fly around and take  
14 a guesstimate and then they use that as a basis for emergency  
15 closures and so forth. What this will do will put somebody  
16 on the ground, hire a tribal member who has some background  
17 in biology or an anthropologist, put them on the ground and  
18 start studying these tributaries a little bit more closer.

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20 MR. M. KOOKESH: Mr. Chairman.

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22 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Matt.

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24 MR. M. KOOKESH: I gave my recommendations  
25 based on sound sociological data gathering and not sound  
26 biological data gathering. I think there should be a  
27 distinction between that.

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29 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: How would you like to  
30 achieve that?

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32 MR. M. KOOKESH: By dealing with sociological  
33 data only and then maybe.....

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35 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: What I'm asking is, I sense  
36 we need to do something different in order to satisfy that  
37 and I don't know what it is so I'm asking.

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39 MR. M. KOOKESH: Well, by putting the  
40 scientific projects with the sociological projects, you know,  
41 I think it sort of takes away from.....

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43 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Well, we don't want to do  
44 that, we want to know where they would fit better in our  
45 ambitions.

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47 MR. M. KOOKESH: Well, from what I understand  
48 about this \$700,000, I understand it was for both sound -- or  
49 biological and sociological data.





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1 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Uh-huh.

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3 MR. M. KOOKESH: And I think somehow that  
4 those two need to be kept separate.

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6 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: I don't have a problem with  
7 it, I'm just trying to make sure that we get the listing done  
8 as proper as we can right now. And if the Council is not  
9 consistent with the scientific savvy at the table then we  
10 yield to your guidance.

11

12 Bob.

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14 MR. SCHROEDER: Mr. Chairman, I don't have  
15 any suggestions on which projects should be rated where but  
16 I do have a strong feeling that given the timing for the year  
17 2000, that we'd be lucky if we got four projects going for  
18 this coming season and that's kind of a gut level feeling  
19 from my experience with the Federal bureaucracy. It may well  
20 be that there completely worthy projects that don't fit to  
21 begin -- that we aren't able to begin this season because of  
22 time constraints. It would be possible that they were funded  
23 and then started in 2001.

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25 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay. Well, I don't have  
26 any crystal balls in front of me. I don't know what we're  
27 going to wind up with even after this effort. So what I'm  
28 asking, it sounds like we need to do something different with  
29 those two bottom ones on there with reference to Yakutat.

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31 MR. CASIPIT: Well, if I may interject here  
32 a little bit.

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34 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: You may.

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36 MR. CASIPIT: I was writing these down just  
37 as Matt was talking about them and then I started looking at  
38 what I was actually writing down and thinking but this -- for  
39 instance, this one here is more of a harvest monitoring type  
40 project which is, you know.....

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42 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Another category.

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44 MR. CASIPIT: Yeah, the next -- well, it's  
45 around here somewhere, it's one of these. There's the  
46 harvest monitoring one. You know, as.....

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48 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Put HM in parenthesis  
49 maybe.



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1 MR. CASIPIT: Yeah, I think that's what I'll  
2 do. This is actually.....

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4 MS. WILSON: Which one is that, that's  
5 harvest monitoring?

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7 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: C&T, Angoon C&T.

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9 MR. CASIPIT: Yeah.

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11 MS. WILSON: Okay.

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13 MR. CASIPIT: That's actually a harvest  
14 monitoring one. I think with the Situk/Mountain Lake  
15 sockeye/coho and the Situk/Ahrnklin River study proposals,  
16 those are actually getting a handle on what stock status is.

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18 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay. So we're okay with  
19 the exception of one in the middle?

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21 MR. CASIPIT: Right. And we could move that  
22 one to the next page when we get there.

23  
24 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay.

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26 MR. SCHROEDER: Mr. Chairman, there is a --  
27 I don't know too much about this, but, you know, my concern  
28 was for how many projects you actually could accomplish. And  
29 I do know that Yakutat's been in real good communication with  
30 the Ranger District in Yakutat and they've already done some  
31 pre-work. So my comment on how many things you may be able  
32 to get done this year.....

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34 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Well, we might list 60 and  
35 only work on four.

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37 MR. ADAMS: Mr. Chairman.

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39 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Bert.

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41 MR. ADAMS: I think that's the approach we  
42 need to take, put all of those projects down there, look at  
43 them.....

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45 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: That's the approach we are  
46 going to take.

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48 MR. ADAMS: .....and then....

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CHAIRMAN THOMAS: I have spoken.

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1 MR. ADAMS: .....figure out which ones are,  
2 you know, the priorities and then start working from there.

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4 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Butch.

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6 MR. ADAMS: And if I might before Butch comes  
7 on line, I think, you know, Matt brought out a real good  
8 point here, do we want to deal with social aspects, you know,  
9 of these harvestings or do we want to look at the biological  
10 aspect and I think they both go together. But I think that's  
11 something that the Council needs to determine, you know, if  
12 that's coming out from these people here, you know, which  
13 ones do we want to tackle first.

14  
15 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Well, I'm a retired priest,  
16 I don't have any other profession so if you're happy I'm  
17 happy. So whatever your pleasure is it's fine with me.

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19 MR. ADAMS: Well, I think Cal has answered  
20 our question there as far as, you know, the criteria for  
21 these.....

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23 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay. If all those were  
24 answered then Butch has got the floor.

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26 MR. ADAMS: Okay, Butch.

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28 MR. LAITI: I have a hard time because all of  
29 these areas are out of my -- you know, where I grew up and  
30 things and I don't know the history of these systems.

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32 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Well, we don't either.  
33 We're just identifying areas to look at. We know they're in  
34 trouble.

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36 MR. LAITI: Well, looking at all the  
37 proposals, all of Southeast is in trouble here.

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39 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Yeah.

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41 MR. LAITI: So.....

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43 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Did you have something else  
44 you wanted to add to that?

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46 MR. LAITI: Well, I just need more  
47 information.

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49 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Well, that's going to be

50 the next step.

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1 MR. LAITI: Thank you.

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3 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: We just have very, very  
4 minimal information right now and we'll be getting more  
5 educated information in time. Some of this is going to be on  
6 a fast-track for the next month or so.

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8 MR. SCHROEDER: Mr. Chairman, I think our  
9 break between harvest monitoring and biology is a little bit  
10 more the way Bert was viewing it. In the early discussions  
11 the first thing the tribes brought up was figuring out how  
12 many fish are taken. And then there were some other  
13 discussions, and the tribes submitting proposals generally  
14 saw that they'd do some biological work. Basically lo-tech  
15 stream surveys to come up with harvest -- the number of fish  
16 that are present. So that happened in quite a few areas  
17 where -- and kind of when the tribes were thinking about it  
18 or the proposals -- the proponents, they saw those as being  
19 two big gaps, don't know how many fish are coming back, don't  
20 know how many are being taken.

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22 So I don't know if we really need to move them over  
23 to harvest assessment here.

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25 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Well, you guys said we got  
26 a job to do we just started doing it.

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28 MR. SCHROEDER: It looks good.

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30 MR. CLARK: Yeah.

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32 MS. RUDOLPH: Mr. Chairman.

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34 MR. CASIPIT: I think it's.....

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36 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Ah, ah.....

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38 MR. CASIPIT: Sorry, go ahead.

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40 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Mary.

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42 MS. RUDOLPH: I was wondering, I really don't  
43 know the name of the lake up towards Neka Bay, I think they  
44 were having troubles with the cohos there, there's a lot of  
45 murky stuff in the river there so there's hardly any cohos so  
46 they're in danger. A lot of, what was it, trout -- yeah, a  
47 lot of trout feeding there so I know that's in danger but I  
48 just don't know the name of the place there.

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CHAIRMAN THOMAS: What's the river called?

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1 MS. RUDOLPH: I don't know. Do you know the  
2 name of the river Wanda?

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4 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Neka?

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6 MS. RUDOLPH: It's up towards Neka Bay about.

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8 MR. LAITI: It's Neka River.

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10 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Neka River.

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12 MS. RUDOLPH: It's one of those places  
13 where.....

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15 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Neka River or Neka Lake --  
16 we'll call it Neka Lake.

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18 MS. CULP: It's on the left side of the.....

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20 MS. RUDOLPH: It's where they're doing  
21 intensive logging anyways.

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23 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: What's the Tlingit name?

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25 MS. RUDOLPH: Oh, gosh, not Humpy Creek, is  
26 it?

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28 MS. CULP: No, it's about five miles.....

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30 MS. RUDOLPH: A little further up from there.

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32 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: If it's Humpy Creek, we're  
33 not even going to put it on the register.

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35 MS. RUDOLPH: Okay.

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37 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay.

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39 MS. RUDOLPH: And Wanda's River, Neva Lake or  
40 whatever.

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42 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: The (In Native) are losing  
43 their credibility.

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45 MR. KOOKESH: Mr. Chairman.

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47 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Floyd.

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49 MR. KOOKESH: Of all the projects that we

50 have and the proposals that are in front of us, have any of

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1 them already been approved?

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3 MR. CLARK: No.

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5 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: No. They're just now being  
6 introduced.

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8 MR. CASIPIT: No.

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10 MR. CLARK: Mr. Chairman.

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12 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Fred.

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14 MR. CLARK: It might be helpful if we just  
15 went through the categories as you first started doing and go  
16 through the projects, it may answer a lot of questions. Just  
17 to go through that process and get them up and get that.....

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19 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: We did that when we put  
20 them in order. We put the regulatory ones up there so that  
21 we could see the regulations and see how each of those areas  
22 are being impacted by harvest. And then this year, the  
23 second one was to have a better handle on the stocks, stock  
24 status.

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26 MR. CLARK: And then the next one is  
27 traditional knowledge.

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29 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: I don't remember, is it  
30 Cal?

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32 MR. CASIPIT: Yes.

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34 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Just a second, the  
35 recorder, Cal, is having an attack.

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37 MR. CASIPIT: Yes. The next one was  
38 traditional knowledge, the next part.

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40 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Just traditional knowledge  
41 or traditional environmental or traditional.....

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43 MR. CLARK: Whatever you want it to be.

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45 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Traditional knowledge.  
46 Okay, let's.....

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48 MS. RUDOLPH: So then after we do all this  
49 are we still going to be, like you said, on this paper,

50 there's a May deadline, are we still going to be able to

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1 bring our proposals in from our villages or from our home?

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3 MR. CLARK: For 2001.

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5 MS. RUDOLPH: So once we add to this book  
6 here we don't have until we May which they said yesterday, we  
7 have until May.

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9 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: The 27th of this month.

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11 MR. CLARK: That's for the regulations  
12 changes.

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14 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Regulations, okay.

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16 MR. CLARK: What we have to work with in  
17 terms of projects is what we have to work with in terms of  
18 projects for year 2000. But it's also the beginning of the  
19 2001 process. So as we go forward we'll take projects that  
20 either aren't funded this year or weren't identified as the  
21 highest priorities for 2000 and those will be folded into the  
22 2001 process and we'll develop new projects for the 2001  
23 process. So we'll go back out.....

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25 MS. RUDOLPH: So if we decide today, that's  
26 it.

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28 MR. CLARK: For 2000.

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30 MS. RUDOLPH: Okay, that's where I was  
31 confused. I was arrogant enough to think I was going to have  
32 until May.

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34 MR. KOOKESH: I noticed you didn't address  
35 the Chair, either.

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37 MS. RUDOLPH: Oh, I'm sorry.

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39 MR. M. KOOKESH: Mr. Chairman.

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41 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Wait, we're having a  
42 problem here. Matt.

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44 MR. M. KOOKESH: We've been sidetracked and  
45 we got sidetracked by putting those two proposals down below.  
46 Every one of those proposals up there that I mentioned, one  
47 of the objectives is to gather harvest data.

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49 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Well, what we're doing here

50 is we're demonstrating to you exactly how much we know about

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1 what you guys want. And so this is the problem we're going  
2 to have for a while. So I don't have any trouble with any  
3 corrections or adjustments.

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5 Ida. Make room for Ida, you guys.

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7 MS. HILDEBRAND: You don't have to make room  
8 but that's what I'm going to be asking for. Ida Hildebrand,  
9 BIA Staff Committee member. To the Council, again, you were  
10 doing just fine until you put people at this table. When you  
11 just look at the projects and decide what you want to do and  
12 to prioritize them you were really moving along. If you have  
13 specific questions you can ask these people, otherwise, do  
14 what you were doing. Look at the projects. Are they in the  
15 categories you want them in? Do you support this for this  
16 year? Are they for later on? And I have every confidence in  
17 you.

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19 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: I do, too, but we're trying  
20 to expand our horizons by having confidence in these guys.

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22 MS. WILSON: Mr. Chairman.

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24 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Marilyn.

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26 MS. WILSON: Very important question. Some  
27 of these -- all that we're working on now, this is for 2000,  
28 but what about 2001? Do we work on that this fall or next  
29 year?

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31 MR. CASIPIT: Actually, I hope that when we  
32 get done with this 2000 process, we can start for 2001 by  
33 getting the Council to identify issues you want the Forest  
34 Service, the tribes, Fish and Game to develop, you know,  
35 develop a program of work for 2001. So basically after we're  
36 done with this I would like the Council to spend some time  
37 letting us know what you think we need to do for 2001 in  
38 terms of priority issues.

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40 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: How much were you  
41 anticipating taking to be able to do that?

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43 MR. CASIPIT: As much time as you guys want  
44 to spend at it.

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46 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Between now and 6:00  
47 o'clock.

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49 MR. CASIPIT: Well, yeah. I want to get to



50 through this 2000 thing here real quick -- hopefully get done

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1 with this and be able to spend some time on 2001.

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3 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Well, let's go. Let's go.

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5 MR. CASIPIT: The thing that I want to  
6 mention here, though, is that, you know, like Matt said, all  
7 these have pieces of harvest monitoring in it as well as  
8 stock status.

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10 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Well, let's go on to the  
11 next one.

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13 MR. CASIPIT: Okay.

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15 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: We'll take some and leave  
16 some from that list.

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18 MR. CASIPIT: Okay. I guess the next one  
19 would be here, priority three, would be traditional  
20 knowledge. There are projects on the list that do deal with  
21 traditional knowledge and mapping traditional knowledge and  
22 GIS systems. So I'll go ahead and put that up.

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24 And at this point I'd just -- the Council has the  
25 project lists in front of them, I guess I could go through  
26 and highlight each project that are TK involved. But I guess  
27 I'll just go ahead and do that. There was one there that was  
28 developed by the Yakutat Ranger District and the Yakutat  
29 Tlingit Tribe which is traditional knowledge of salmon in  
30 Situk and Ahrnklin Rivers. Bob Schroeder had a couple of TEK  
31 type projects. Oh, he had one, mapping traditional  
32 subsistence territories.

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34 MR. SCHROEDER: Mr. Chairman.

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36 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Bob.

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38 MR. SCHROEDER: Mr. Chairman, the project I  
39 submitted was basically a shell project. I had some  
40 discussions with Yakutat, Kake and Hoonah, and that's -- and  
41 Sitka and that's about as far as I got in talking about  
42 tribes doing subsistence area mapping and being able to come  
43 up with really strong documentation of the areas that were  
44 used for subsistence fishing and the traditional use areas.  
45 So as such, please don't think that that's a Forestry  
46 Sciences Lab project. The intent of that project was to have  
47 tribes do this work and again, to have pretty much of a  
48 standard format.

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In the TEK realm it's a little bit analogous to some

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1 work that Harold Martin and the tribes were involved in in  
2 mapping out place names over the last years, where the tribes  
3 did the work with some organizations so that the products  
4 came out to be uniform. So that project was basically a  
5 tribal project such that tribes would be responsible for  
6 doing their TEK work, interviewing elders, drawing maps, and  
7 that there would be some technical assistance from either  
8 Forestry Sciences Lab or University resources.

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10 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Well, I need to tell you,  
11 as a Council, as we review these documents, we're going to  
12 take every word and every punctuation mark as sacred,  
13 revered and gospel. Whether that's intended or not, that's  
14 how we're going to take it, and that's how we're going to  
15 treat it. Because we don't have the thought process. We  
16 don't have the history. We didn't have privilege of the  
17 deliberations. We don't know what the intents are. We don't  
18 know what the desired outcomes are. So we're going to make  
19 those determinations on our own.

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21 What have I got here?

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23 MS. WILSON: Mr. Chairman.

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25 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Marilyn.

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27 MS. WILSON: As far as I can see there's TEK  
28 under Forest Service of salmon on Situk and Ahrnklin Rivers,  
29 and on the next page there's towards the bottom, the third  
30 one up from the bottom is TEK mapping of traditional  
31 subsistence territories. And there was something else that  
32 probably would fall underneath traditional knowledge. But  
33 does the traditional ecological knowledge change, is it  
34 different from traditional knowledge, period?

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36 MR. CASIPIT: I was just using the two  
37 interchangeably here.

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39 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: So did you have something  
40 you want to put up there?

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42 MS. WILSON: Well, I figure those two are the  
43 traditional knowledge projects.

44  
45 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Yeah, well....

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47 MS. WILSON: Well, let's put them up there,  
48 that's the only two I see.

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CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay.

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1 MS. WILSON: Except for one other one.

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3 MR. SCHROEDER: Mr. Chairman, if the Council  
4 recommends and the tribes are interested in the mapping  
5 project I was talking about, there's a feasibility issue and  
6 it really seems that it might be possible to do three or a  
7 maximum of four places a year and seeing that it would take  
8 a number of years to do this work throughout Southeast, and  
9 which tribes -- or which communities let off in undertaking  
10 this work would be a matter for further discussion. I think  
11 it's probably best to be second because if you're first  
12 you're probably going to have to do more work to figure out  
13 the methodologies and to get this system going.

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15 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: We're actually not going to  
16 do that much work. All we're going to be doing is recording  
17 and be a messenger. We're not a data gathering team. None  
18 of us are an ologist of any kind. So we're going to take  
19 whatever information we get and whatever recommendation we  
20 arrive at is what we'll take forward.

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22 MS. WILSON: Mr. Chairman.

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24 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Marilyn.

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26 MS. WILSON: Bob.....

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28 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Again.

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30 MS. WILSON: .....I need to ask Bob, what you  
31 just now mentioned, the mapping, did you want to add that to  
32 the list as one of the projects?

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34 MR. SCHROEDER: Marilyn, that's the one  
35 that's in here that you put up there, the TEK mapping of  
36 traditional subsistence territories.

37  
38 MS. WILSON: Okay.

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40 MR. SCHROEDER: I was just trying to explain  
41 that -- well, basically I was a little embarrassed because  
42 there was this big number attached to that project for the  
43 Forestry Sciences Lab and.....

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45 MS. WILSON: 215,000.

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47 MR. SCHROEDER: .....that isn't viewed as  
48 being funding that somehow goes to the Forestry Sciences Lab,  
49 it was a project geared to combine these discussions with a

50 number of tribes.

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1 MS. RUDOLPH: Could I ask a question, please?

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3 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: No. Yes.

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5 MS. RUDOLPH: I was just wondering, the one  
6 that you just talked about, the TEK mapping of traditional  
7 subsistence territories, Juneau Forest Service Forestry  
8 Science Lab, \$215,000, how does that come up with that  
9 amount? Did they already do the study on.....

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11 MS. WILSON: We're not supposed to worry  
12 about that.

13  
14 MS. RUDOLPH: .....how they came up to that  
15 amount? Because I look at the Angoon Community Association,  
16 Hydaburg, they've asked for 78 -- 25,000, 10,000 and then you  
17 go to the bottom one, Sitka Ranger District 334,000.

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19 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Time out, time out, Fred's  
20 got an answer.

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22 MR. CLARK: I don't really have a direct  
23 answer for you, Mary, but I really think it's important at  
24 this point that we don't concentrate on the money amounts and  
25 concentrate on the projects and the issues, otherwise we're  
26 not going to address the issues.

27  
28 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Yeah, we're not going to  
29 deal with money.

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31 MS. RUDOLPH: Well, I just wanted to know if  
32 they did put it together already; is it something that's  
33 already put together.

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35 MR. CLARK: Okay.

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37 MS. RUDOLPH: You said not to mention it but  
38 it's in here.

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40 MR. CLARK: Uh-huh.

41  
42 MS. RUDOLPH: So it's something that's  
43 already written in here for us.

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45 MR. CLARK: Sorry, if I misunderstood where  
46 you were going.

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48 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Like I said, everything  
49 that's before us is going to be treated with reverence.....





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1 MS. WILSON: It's just estimates.

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3 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: .....and all the dignity  
4 and respect that we can muster up for it.

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6 MR. SCHROEDER: Mary, that was, what I think  
7 our Chairman has referred to as previous official meetings as  
8 a SWAG estimate, in that, if you're thinking of undertaking  
9 this work in four communities and roughly penciling things  
10 out that it was somewhere around 40 or \$50,000 for each  
11 community, that's where that number comes from.

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13 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: I got two announcements.  
14 We got to be out of here by 5:00, the second one says we  
15 could find a place to move the meeting if you want to  
16 continue to the evening -- that one is no. The number 1 is  
17 yes, the second one is no.

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19 MR. ADAMS: Mr. Chairman.

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21 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Bert.

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23 MR. ADAMS: I thought you said we were going  
24 to be out of here by 2:30.

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26 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: We were going to be.

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28 MR. ADAMS: Did you change your mind?

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30 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: No. I'm honoring your  
31 guys' request for the floor.

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33 MR. ADAMS: Thank you.

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35 MR. CASIPIT: If we're done with traditional  
36 knowledge and in the interest of moving us along through the  
37 agenda I thought maybe we could.....

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39 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: We're going to depend on  
40 traditional knowledge to go through the rest of the agenda.

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42 MR. CASIPIT: Okay. I thought we could spend  
43 some time and talk about the last priority that we had  
44 listed, which was harvest monitoring.

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46 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: There's nothing left to  
47 harvest. What's the wish of the Council.

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49 MS. WILSON: Sockeye harvest -- oh, Mr.

50 Chairman.

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1 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Marilyn.

2  
3 MS. WILSON: Sockeye harvest monitoring, one,  
4 two, three, four -- four lines down from Klawock Cooperative  
5 Association. Does anybody have information on that?

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7 MR. STOKES: That's number 1 there, yeah.

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9 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Harvest monitoring.....

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11 MS. WILSON: It was harvest.....

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13 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: .....my personal thoughts  
14 on that would be to make a comparison of that with existing  
15 regulations. See what the regulations are and see what data  
16 we have around that, that would be dependent on reports  
17 returned to various permit issuing offices and hopefully  
18 those are compiled somewhere.

19  
20 Is that a safe assumption? Mike, is it?

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22 MR. TUREK: Yes. The subsistence salmon  
23 permits, you know, the Department has that information.

24  
25 MR. CLARK: Mike, do you want a microphone.

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27 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Mike, do you want a mic?

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29 MR. TUREK: Mike Turek, Division of  
30 Subsistence, Fish and Game. Yeah, the Department has the  
31 subsistence salmon permits and that's part of the project  
32 we've been working on is getting that data together. One of  
33 the problems with that is that they're underreported.

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35 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: I know that.

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37 MR. TUREK: So -- but that's the data that  
38 the Department has right now. And we have some data from our  
39 household harvest surveys, our face-to-face surveys, also,  
40 from this last five years or so that I've been doing that.

41  
42 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Yeah. A lot of the data in  
43 those regards are SWAG estimates anyway. So I don't know  
44 what we could do different with regards to harvest monitoring  
45 than what's already being done assuming that what is being  
46 done has been aggressive in doing so.

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48 Bob.

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MR. SCHROEDER: I think there are a few

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1 projects that are somewhere or another on this list. The one  
2 is what Mike was talking about, I believe, which is doing  
3 this comparison work.

4  
5 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Uh-huh.

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7 MR. SCHROEDER: There is some other projects,  
8 again, which are listed that I put in as kind of paper  
9 projects so they'd be before you, called, Southeast Alaska  
10 subsistence harvest estimates. And over the past four or  
11 five years, the Council has given a lot of support to  
12 updating general harvest assessments and surveys in  
13 communities. Because of your support, that work is basically  
14 pretty far along. It needs some funding to be completed.  
15 Specifically it needs funding for Petersburg and Wrangell,  
16 which is in place for the Division of Subsistence to  
17 undertake. And it needs funding to cover Yakutat which  
18 hasn't been -- hasn't had a resurvey. If that proceeds, that  
19 would be -- the intent would be that that would be undertaken  
20 by the Yakutat-Kwaan.

21  
22 And then there's the possibility and I'm not  
23 suggesting that this is a high priority right now because we  
24 can't do it right now, there are quite a few small  
25 communities, these are Tenakee, Pelican, Elfin Cove, Port  
26 Alexander and Meyers Chuck and a number of others where no  
27 one has gone back to talk to people since 1988 on how much  
28 fish and wildlife they harvest. So those projects are in  
29 there so that everything is up front on what needs to take  
30 place. Specifically, right now it would be useful to get the  
31 blessing of the Council proceeding on the Petersburg,  
32 Wrangell and Yakutat portions.

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34 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: What about the Prince of  
35 Wales?

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37 MR. SCHROEDER: Mr. Chairman, Prince of Wales  
38 is signed, sealed and not quite delivered, so it's almost  
39 done.

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41 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay. Then, if you would,  
42 rephrase what you said before I asked about Prince of Wales.

43  
44 MR. SCHROEDER: Just probably without so many  
45 words, need to do updated household surveys for Petersburg,  
46 Wrangell and Yakutat, that's the immediate. And then there's  
47 a question of whether you want to extend that resurvey effort  
48 out to these other small places.

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CHAIRMAN THOMAS: So what do you need from us

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1 to get that done?

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3 MR. SCHROEDER: Well, we're talking these --  
4 the funding for this has to come out of this pot, so if this  
5 is a priority as it has been in the past for the Council, to  
6 get up-to-date harvest estimates, then you'd say it was a  
7 priority. If it's not a priority then do something else.

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9 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Like I mentioned earlier,  
10 the Council, we're not going to be aggressive in those areas  
11 and anything that comes up like that will probably fall on  
12 Fred's -- in Fred's office for him to come up with that. And  
13 if that's doable, I guess that's what we'll do.

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15 MS. WILSON: Mr. Chairman.

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17 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Marilyn.

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19 MS. WILSON: I think we should put -- and  
20 listen to Bob, because in the past we've given our support to  
21 this project of subsistence harvest estimates, and so I think  
22 we should put this Southeast Alaska subsistence harvest  
23 estimates, which is under the Juneau Forestry Science Lab.

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25 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Did you get that last  
26 discussion, Fred?

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28 MR. CLARK: Did I get it?

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30 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Yes, you heard us. You  
31 going to be able to handle that?

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33 MR. CLARK: Of course.

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35 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Was that a meager, of  
36 course, or a.....

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38 MR. CLARK: An indubitable one.

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40 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay. Next.

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42 MS. WILSON: Mr. Chairman.

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44 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Marilyn.

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46 MS. WILSON: There's two more underneath this  
47 which would fall under priority number 4 and that's from  
48 Kake, both of them are from Kake. The east Kuiu coho salmon  
49 harvest monitoring, which is one, two, three, four up from



50 the bottom of the tribal government proposals. And two up is

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1 Bay of Pillar sockeye harvest monitoring from Kake, also.  
2 And I'm wondering about these. Did you want to list them?

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4 MR. MARTIN: Mr. Chairman, I would say that  
5 the Falls and Gut Lake harvest monitoring is more important  
6 at this time.

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8 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: What are your wishes?

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10 MR. MARTIN: To list.....

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12 REPORTER: Harold.....

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14 MR. MARTIN: .....as a priority.

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16 REPORTER: Harold, turn the microphone.

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18 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay, tell Mike and he'll  
19 list them.

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21 MS. WILSON: So we just leave them off?

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23 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: We're caucusing here. You  
24 sound like (In Native) over there.

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26 MS. WILSON: I'm learning.

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28 MR. CLARK: Mr. Chairman.

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30 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Another (In Native), what  
31 Fred.

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33 MR. CLARK: I'm honored. It appears that  
34 there are a number of stock assessment projects that are in  
35 the same drainages as the harvest monitoring projects. It  
36 may be beneficial to have these two things working hand in  
37 hand in those particular drainages.

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39 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: There we go, we're going to  
40 work hand in hand.

41  
42 MR. CASIPIT: Yes, just to add to what Fred  
43 said, I think Fred's exactly right, you know, if there's a  
44 crew, whether it's a tribal crew or a State crew or Forest  
45 Service crew in an area trying to get a handle on  
46 escapements, it's not that more expensive or hard to collect  
47 some harvest information at the same time. It just makes  
48 sense.

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CHAIRMAN THOMAS: You notice how gracious we

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1 are. We expand our role, we lengthen our menu and haven't  
2 asked for another dime. I just thought I'd point that out.  
3 We're (In Native).

4  
5 Matt.

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7 MR. M. KOOKESH: Mr. Chairman, I just want to  
8 point something out. Bob mentioned a harvest monitoring  
9 survey and all the tribes are concerned about harvest  
10 monitoring. I mean you kind of mentioned harvest monitoring  
11 also. Our methodology that I see coming from the tribes is  
12 a lot different than what the State would do. And the  
13 difference is, is we're going to be monitoring the  
14 subsistence user out in the field. And the Klawock project  
15 is designed that way and so is the Angoon project. And even  
16 though Angoon project doesn't say harvest monitor and C&T  
17 salmon harvest self-determination, if you read it it's really  
18 a project that's going to monitor the sport user, subsistence  
19 users and just the recreational users that fly in once in a  
20 while. And we think we'll be more successful and get better  
21 data by going up and talking with our own subsistence people  
22 and by talking to visitors that come into the area.

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24 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Our own, you mean the  
25 State?

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27 MR. M. KOOKESH: I mean our own subsistence  
28 users.

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30 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Are you speaking now as a  
31 tribal member or as a State employee?

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33 MR. M. KOOKESH: Both. Tribal member.

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35 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: What about Uncle Sam?

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37 MR. M. KOOKESH: Well, you mean as Forest  
38 Service?

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40 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: No, just as Uncle Sam. I  
41 know you're trying to get around him but.....

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43 MR. M. KOOKESH: Well, what we're trying to  
44 do is we're trying to get good data. And every time it gets  
45 mailed into the Department it will go in a round trash can  
46 rather than go in the mail.

47  
48 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Uh-huh.

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MR. CLARK: Mr. Chairman.

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1 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Fred.

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3 MR. CLARK: I think it's important to note  
4 that we met with tribal representatives, Forest Service  
5 representatives and State representatives in Ketchikan last  
6 week and the State representatives said that they thought it  
7 was a great idea to do some of these alternative gather --  
8 information gathering pieces to work as a check on their  
9 regular information gathering techniques.

10

11 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: As a Council, we don't have  
12 a problem with that. Whatever you folks wish to do, we're  
13 only a messenger, and we'll be glad to carry any message.  
14 You guys put the message together and we'll carry it.

15

16 I hear a cat running across the rug.

17

18 MR. CASIPIT: It appears that we're kind of  
19 done with this or what's the wishes of the Council?

20

21 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: I guess we're done with it.

22

23 MS. WILSON: Mr. Chairman, what did we do  
24 with the last two that I mentioned, did we take it off?

25

26 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: What did we do with the  
27 last two Marilyn mentioned?

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29 MR. CASIPIT: That was the Bay of Pillars,  
30 you said?

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32 MS. WILSON: Yeah, one of them was.

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34 MR. CASIPIT: Okay.

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36 MS. WILSON: And the other one was.....

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38 MR. CASIPIT: I already got the East Kuiu one  
39 up here.

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41 MS. WILSON: I don't know if the rest of.....

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43 MR. CASIPIT: I missed the Bay of Pillars  
44 one.

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46 MS. WILSON: I don't know if the rest of the  
47 Council wanted that as one of the priorities; that's what I'm  
48 asking?

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CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Nobody's going to argue

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1 with you.

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3 MR. MARTIN: The Bay of Pillars is on the

4 priority.

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6 MR. CASIPIT: Yeah, okay, good.

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8 MS. WILSON: Okay.

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10 MR. CASIPIT: That's a sockeye harvest

11 monitoring.

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13 MR. MARTIN: I think you should have the C&T

14 salmon harvest self-determination up there.

15

16 MR. CASIPIT: Oh, that's right, I had it on

17 the other one, didn't I. We'll put it here too.

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19 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: You're in the right place,

20 come on in. Over here, don't talk to the box.

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22 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: I work here.

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24 MR. MARTIN: Cal, you need to put the Hetta

25 Lake on there.

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27 MR. CASIPIT: Yeah, to that.....

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29 MR. MARTIN: Is it already on there?

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31 MR. CASIPIT: Well, I have the Hetta Lake on

32 the stock status one and I had it just referenced -- there's

33 a piece that goes here as well.

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35 MR. MARTIN: The Klawock on there, too.

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37 MR. CASIPIT: And I'll put Klawock down, I'm

38 not sure I had it on the other one but just to make sure.

39

40 MR. MARTIN: Okay.

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42 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Some of those are going to

43 occur as collateral efforts in other categories, though.

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45 MR. CASIPIT: Right.

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47 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: That will be fine. So

48 we're going to close that sheet and then we're going to

49 establish an understanding of what we're going to do with it.



50 So the flipchart is now closed.

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1           Okay, what can we anticipate now to happen with the  
2 flipchart?

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4           MR. CASIPIT: Let me flip back to -- I guess  
5 the next steps that we'll take with Harold and Bob and the  
6 State folks is that we'll take the direction you have given  
7 us, take the proposals that address these and beef them up,  
8 basically, technically so that the methodologies are the  
9 same, the protocols are the same. In each of these  
10 categories we'll be doing the harvest monitoring, the stock  
11 assessments, the traditional knowledge gathering in the same  
12 way consistently across the region.

13  
14           CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay.

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16           MR. CASIPIT: So that will be our next  
17 charge, this group, will be to beef up the proposals that you  
18 want us to.....

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20           CHAIRMAN THOMAS: So what can we, as a  
21 Council, then anticipate to be our next communication with  
22 you folks and when?

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24           MR. CASIPIT: I don't know if Fred wants to  
25 take this but I.....

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27           MR. CLARK: One possibility would be that  
28 when this group meets we could develop notes from those  
29 meetings and distribute those to the Council right after  
30 those meetings. And keep you informed as to -- even send you  
31 copies of those proposals as they go on to the Staff  
32 Committee and to the Board so you'll be informed all through  
33 that process and then you'll hear back from what the Board  
34 has to say and then from what the Tongass National Forest has  
35 to say.

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37           CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Well, rather than getting  
38 all that correspondence, I'd like to get just a copy of your  
39 analysis of what happened and I want analysis of what  
40 happened at the Board. I don't want to know anything about  
41 how you arrived at it. All I want to know is where you wound  
42 up.

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44           MR. CLARK: All right.

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46           CHAIRMAN THOMAS: How is not important to us.

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48           MR. CLARK: Okay, we'll take you off the  
49 mailing list.



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1 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay.

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3 MR. CASIPIT: I guess with the indulgence of  
4 the Council here, what I'd like to do is shift to 2001 and  
5 basically get some marching orders from the Council as to the  
6 issues that --the concerns that the Council would like us to  
7 work on for the year 2001. Some of these projects for the  
8 year 2000 may carry over to 2001 just because we don't have  
9 enough money, enough time, personnel what have you. But at  
10 the same time I still would like to spend some time, at  
11 least, brainstorming a list of issues that the Council would  
12 like the Forest Service, the subsistence management office,  
13 Fish and Game or where the tribes to work on.

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15 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: You know what I think would  
16 be the most realistic, would be to leave that in tact and  
17 just add 2001 to it.

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19 MS. STEVENS: Yeah, because if you're only  
20 going to do four projects look at how many projects there  
21 are.

22

23 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Yeah.

24

25 MR. CASIPIT: Okay.

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27 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: We're not -- we don't have  
28 any trophies for getting things done in a timely fashion  
29 anyway, so I think if we just add it to next year we'll be  
30 doing okay.

31

32 MR. CASIPIT: Okay. I just want to make sure  
33 that we're not getting off on a tangent and not doing what  
34 the Council would like us to do.

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36 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: We won't know that until  
37 after we do this to see if we're on a tangent or not.

38

39 MR. CASIPIT: Okay.

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41 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: So I think we're just  
42 tickled to where we're at now.

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44 MR. CASIPIT: I just wanted to make sure that  
45 we were proceeding in the right direction the Council was  
46 getting the information -- you know, what we're working on is  
47 what the Council wants us to work on. That's simply what I  
48 was trying to get at.

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CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Me, too.

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1 MS. RUDOLPH: Mr. Chairman.

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3 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Mary.

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5 MS. RUDOLPH: I think if we're putting in for  
6 the year 2001, I think then we'll -- after we get all our  
7 copies and everything, I think a lot of us will be able to  
8 come back with a little more of our concerns on how we could  
9 address it and more proposals. Like I didn't know this was  
10 going on, I didn't even know our tribal members had come in  
11 for the meeting because nothing was shared at home. But now  
12 that I know where this is going, I'm going to have kind of a  
13 feeling on where I can work with the tribe and be able to  
14 come back with some names of the areas that they're concerned  
15 about.

16  
17 MR. CASIPIT: Okay.

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19 MS. RUDOLPH: So right now I couldn't give  
20 you -- I was just guessing at some of the names because I'm  
21 not too familiar with it.

22  
23 MR. CASIPIT: Okay.

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25 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: But next year you'll really  
26 be wiser.

27  
28 MS. RUDOLPH: I will be. I'll be familiar  
29 with it next time.

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31 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Really wise next year.

32  
33 MR. CASIPIT: Okay.

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35 MS. STEVENS: Mr. Chairman.

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37 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Millie.

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39 MS. STEVENS: Okay, we came up with the four  
40 categories, my question, Cal, is what category would Craig  
41 fall under or do we need to change our title?

42  
43 MR. CASIPIT: Let me see.....

44  
45 MS. STEVENS: Historical productivity of  
46 sockeye systems.

47  
48 MR. CASIPIT: Okay, reading that that's using  
49 the -- doing the core drills to figure out the same nitrogen-

50 15 type project. I see that as being a stock status type.

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1 MS. STEVENS: Okay.

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3 MR. CASIPIT: And if we want to add that we

4 can.

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6 MS. STEVENS: Would you please.

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8 MR. CASIPIT: Okay.

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10 MS. STEVENS: Way down at the bottom?

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12 MR. CASIPIT: Well, I'm running out of page.

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14 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Just write it on the board.

15 Thank goodness our recorder has everything here.

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17 MR. CASIPIT: Historical productivity of.....

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19 MS. STEVENS: Sockeye systems.

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21 MR. CASIPIT: .....sockeye systems.

22

23 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: You're okay.

24

25 MR. CASIPIT: Okay.

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27 MS. RUDOLPH: Could I ask another question?

28 Please.

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30 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Is it pertinent to our

31 meeting?

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33 MS. RUDOLPH: Yes.

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35 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay.

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37 MS. RUDOLPH: Well, are we taking off the

38 list here, you know, what we feel is a priority?

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40 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Yeah.

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42 MS. RUDOLPH: Because I see there's three

43 here that were added in by -- I know this was before -- three

44 from the Hoonah Ranger District. And I was just wondering if

45 the Hochtahen salmon stock assessment is basically the one

46 I'm talking about or the Chichagof, so if that is a concern

47 I'd like to see that put on there.

48

49 MR. CASIPIT: Okay.





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1 MS. RUDOLPH: And maybe next year put a  
2 little more on there but I'd like to see those go on.

3  
4 MR. CASIPIT: Okay.

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6 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Just so -- Hoonah?

7  
8 MS. RUDOLPH: Yeah.

9  
10 MR. CASIPIT: I'm just going to.....

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12 MS. RUDOLPH: Because there is a.....

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14 MR. CASIPIT: .....try to -- I'm going to try  
15 to write it in here, between here.

16  
17 MS. RUDOLPH: Oh, okay, good. Millie.

18  
19 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: I'll check with Wanda and  
20 see if that's appropriate. Boy, you're going to a lower case  
21 font up there.

22  
23 MR. CASIPIT: Yeah, to make it fit.

24  
25 MS. RUDOLPH: Millie, he put mine before  
26 yours.

27  
28 MS. STEVENS: Uh-huh, I noticed.

29  
30 MR. CASIPIT: Anywhere I can fit it on the  
31 page.

32  
33 MS. STEVENS: I'm taking it personally. So  
34 much for M&Ms.

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36 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Yeah, I won't have to come  
37 up with that slogan yet. Well, that's going to be enough  
38 because Butch and I's awareness of all this is quite limited  
39 and we're anxious to be brought up to speed, yeah, Butch?

40  
41 MR. LAITI: Yeah. I forgot to order.

42  
43 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: So get rid of the  
44 flipchart.

45  
46 MR. CASIPIT: Okay.

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48 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: And let us get on to bigger  
49 and better things.



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1 MR. CLARK: Mr. Chairman.

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3 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Fred.

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5 MR. CLARK: I just wanted to make sure I  
6 understood how you wanted to be involved in the rest of the  
7 2000 process. You just want copies of the proposals after  
8 they're rewritten. you want to hear what the Board does and  
9 call it quits.

10

11 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Well, I want that in order  
12 to assist us in moving as expeditiously as we can to where by  
13 May we'll have a recommendation for the Board, if that's  
14 possible. That remains to be seen on whether that's going to  
15 be possible or not. I think it is very possible but I can't  
16 offer any assurances yet. I don't think anybody else can.

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18 MR. CLARK: All right, thanks.

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20 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Ida.

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22 MS. HILDEBRAND: Ida Hildebrand, BIA Staff  
23 Committee member. Thank you, Mr. Chair. Perhaps your  
24 Council would like to consider whether you'd like to assign  
25 some of your Council to participate with that group that's  
26 discussing where these projects are going or revisions and  
27 design. Other Councils have asked to participate.

28

29 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: We'll have to discuss that  
30 amongst the Council to make a determination. Are you  
31 volunteering?

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33 MR. FRANK: I would like to speak on behalf  
34 of the Taku River subsistence proposal.

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36 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Uh-huh.

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38 MR. FRANK: I think each one of us as tribal  
39 constituents would seek the endorsement from the Regional  
40 Advisory Council to the Federal Subsistence Board. There's  
41 a limited number of funds for this year and one of the issues  
42 that we would like to address is -- because we're an urban  
43 corporation -- or urban tribe, excuse me, we would like to  
44 see some work done on the Taku River since so many people use  
45 it. But I think all the other tribal members would seek the  
46 same endorsement of their proposal.

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48 There are some really good ones out there and any  
49 support from the Regional Advisory Council would really

50 further our efforts.

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1 Thank you.

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3 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Thank you.

4

5 MS. WILSON: Mr. Chairman.

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7 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Marilyn.

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9 MS. WILSON: Maybe it would be good to tell  
10 the tribes when they do put in a proposal, to have letters of  
11 support written for them so like they can be in the book.

12

13 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: They know that.

14

15 MS. WILSON: They might not.

16

17 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: No, they do. They can't be  
18 here 10 years and not know it. They just want to be (In  
19 Native).

20

21 Okay, now that everybody is crystal clear on what we  
22 just did we'll move on to the rest of our agenda if I can  
23 find it. Was there any other new business to come before the  
24 Council? There's no other new business -- Fred.

25

26 MR. CLARK: The Council was going to perhaps  
27 readdress the annual report after the subsistence project  
28 proposal discussion. Does the Council want to revisit that  
29 or add on to it?

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31 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Yes. There was something  
32 really heavy on my mind today regarding the annual report and  
33 it leaves my mind right now but it seems like it had to do  
34 with -- I was concerned about -- I'd like our manual to be  
35 updated to include an as-built depiction.

36

37 MR. CLARK: I'm much happier now that I know  
38 the Chairman is out of his mind or has lost his mind.

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40 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Don't just sit there, bail  
41 me out.

42

43 MR. CLARK: I think that's a great suggestion  
44 Bill, the manual update. Were there any other issues or  
45 items relating to the fisheries projects that should go into  
46 the annual report?

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48 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: So we're going to revisit  
49 the annual report, I think that would be prudent.



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1 MR. CLARK: What I could do quickly is go  
2 through the topics again.

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4 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: That'd be great.

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6 MR. CLARK: And if the Council wants to adopt  
7 them in principal and then I'll send them out for review and  
8 modification by individual Council members, would that be  
9 appropriate?

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11 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: No. All we now is a motion  
12 and we'll pass it. Just trust him, make a motion.

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14 MS. RUDOLPH: Did we get copies after you  
15 read it or.....

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17 MR. CLARK: No, you didn't, I didn't make  
18 copies.

19  
20 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: You just have to have a  
21 copy?

22  
23 MR. CLARK: I still have five stacks of stuff  
24 over to distribute to you guys that I haven't done yet.

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26 MS. RUDOLPH: But that isn't in there?

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28 MR. CLARK: Right.

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30 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay, okay.....

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32 MR. CLARK: What Mary is referring to is a  
33 copy of a kind of a summary of the themes of past annual  
34 reports that I gave to the committee that worked on the  
35 annual report yesterday morning. So that's a different  
36 thing.

37  
38 MS. RUDOLPH: Okay.

39  
40 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Maybe it would be  
41 beneficial to hear you read them.

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43 MR. CLARK: Okay. Number 1, again, is the  
44 Federal Subsistence Board should include rural residents plus  
45 Natives and other customary and traditional resource users  
46 who live in urban communities within the Federal program. So  
47 this is extending the priority to Natives in urban  
48 communities.

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50           Two, is bag limits for subsistence should be

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1 evaluated on the basis of the needs of subsistence users and  
2 that includes both fish and wildlife.

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4 Number 3, is that the Councils need guidance and  
5 training regarding Section .804 because Section .804  
6 applications are -- seem to be coming down the road, we're  
7 probably going to have to institute Section .804, especially  
8 for Prince of Wales for deer in particular but also for other  
9 areas of the region.

10  
11 Fourth, had to do with looking at recommendation on  
12 restricting charters and other non-subsistence uses and fresh  
13 waters under Federal jurisdiction.

14  
15 The fifth was, that we need more or additional  
16 Council participation in statewide fisheries project  
17 development and program orientation. That includes feedback  
18 to the Councils from the people who have been involved with  
19 that, the other Council chairs who have been involved in that  
20 process.

21  
22 Number 6, community involvement is key to this  
23 process so we need to look for additional ways to assist in  
24 public outreach and information distribution at the local  
25 level. That's within the local communities within the  
26 region.

27  
28 Number 7, is take a wholestic approach in fisheries  
29 from headwaters and habitat on the terrestrial side clear out  
30 to the ocean to look at the whole lifecycles of fish as we go  
31 through this process.

32  
33 Number 8, was what we were going to add later that  
34 had to do with the subsistence fish projects, if the Council  
35 had anything they wanted to put into the annual report  
36 regarding those.

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38 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Where'd that first one come  
39 from?

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41 MR. CLARK: It came from the committee that  
42 worked on it the other morning.

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44 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Can that happen without  
45 amending ANILCA?

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47 MR. CLARK: No.

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49 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay.



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1 MR. CLARK: At least I don't think it can.

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3 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay. Because there's been  
4 an outcry from the subsistence community not to amend ANILCA  
5 and to offer a wish list that would require an amendment to  
6 ANILCA is a direct conflict with their message.

7

8 MR. CLARK: What's the wishes?

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10 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: It's a.....

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12 MR. CLARK: What's the wishes of the Council  
13 then?

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15 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Leave it in there. Right  
16 now, Ray, did you have some comments you wanted us to hear  
17 before we adjourn?

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19 MR. NIELSEN: Yes.

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21 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: (In Native)

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23 MR. CLARK: Does that mean that the Council  
24 accepted the annual report in concept or were you going to  
25 come back to that?

26

27 MS. WILSON: Mr. Chairman, I so move we  
28 accept the annual report in concept.

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30 MR. ADAMS: Second.

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32 MR. STOKES: Second.

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34 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: All those in favor say aye.

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36 IN UNISON: Aye.

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38 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Those opposed no.

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40 (No opposing votes)

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42 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: The ayes have it.

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44 MR. NIELSEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, Board  
45 members. Several years ago at one of the meetings, I don't  
46 remember where we were.

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48 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: We don't either.

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MR. NIELSEN: And I mentioned some fishery

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1 issues for the Board to consider and they said at that time  
2 they would not listen to them because it would be a while  
3 before they can even act on them and we felt that there was  
4 no problem with that, you know, put it on the table and let  
5 it be understood among everyone else and the public and the  
6 agencies that we were concerned and we were in support of the  
7 Federal takeover and management of fisheries and now that day  
8 is here. And now we look forward to Federal control and  
9 management of other navigable waters so we can have more  
10 input on the salmon and especially herring, it's very  
11 important to us in Sitka.

12  
13 And we recognize that you can protect subsistence  
14 priority rights and the recognized traditional knowledge and  
15 rights and to recognize traditional tribal territory as we do  
16 with other tribes, we do not step on their toes. We  
17 recognize theirs as they recognize ours.

18  
19 October 1 was a great day for Alaska Natives. We  
20 anticipated it well in advance and it was a wonderful day  
21 because the Federal government control of management  
22 recognizes Native needs. If we were to rely on the State  
23 system it would be more difficult like it always has been.  
24 Alaska Native Brotherhood, we used the word subsistence as  
25 putting food on the table. Sitka tribe is customary and  
26 traditional. That is food and it also encompasses practices  
27 and uses. That's why we look forward to working with this  
28 Board and the agencies. The Federal government recognizes  
29 our ways as we are stewards of renewable resources. If the  
30 State legislature had their way they would regulate our ways  
31 right out of existence if given a chance as we can see it's  
32 going on now.

33  
34 I am concern about a conflict interest not only with  
35 the State but with Federal and a financial disclosure that  
36 happened in Sitka with the Board of Fish and it happened here  
37 yesterday with issues on the bear. It came to my attention  
38 too late, I was overlooked.

39  
40 And in closing, I would like to thank the Douglas  
41 Indian Association for hosting the public meeting and last  
42 night's program was very wonderful. I enjoy and I greatly  
43 respect the little kids who have no fear and to recognize  
44 their ways, to take advantage of the opportunities that I did  
45 not have as a child.

46  
47 Thank you.

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49 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Thank you, Ray.



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1 MR. DUNLAP: Thank you, Mr. Chairman,  
2 Council. My name is Michael Dunlap but you can call me (In  
3 Native) I'm from the (In Native).

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5 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: How do you spell it?  
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7 MR. DUNLAP: You'd have to get my card. But  
8 first I'd like to apologize for anything I may say that may  
9 offend anybody because that is not my intention. I only wish  
10 to express what I feel is the truth. And I'd like to thank  
11 you all for sharing our dinner last night and hope we can do  
12 it again sometime.

13  
14 I'm just going to read to you a couple of pages of a  
15 situation that was explained December 14th, 1898. And it's  
16 Chief (In Native) from Wrangell. There's more oratory from  
17 others but I'll just read the first one for you so you can  
18 get an idea of what the mindset was like a hundred years ago.

19  
20 A long time ago before the White people came to this  
21 country, Tlingit had laws at every village. There was a  
22 chief and in some villages, two or three chiefs. Now, around  
23 Wrangell we have names of different mountains, different  
24 creeks, bays, points all have names. Around the Taku, the  
25 Tlingit gave names to different points, islands, mountains as  
26 well as Chilkat and other places. Three principal rivers in  
27 this country for which the Natives of this country would go  
28 into the interior of the Stikine, the Taku and the Chilkat.  
29 The Sitka Tlingits as well as the Hoonah and they go to  
30 Yakutat. Ever since I have been a boy I've heard the names  
31 of the different points, bays, islands, mountains, places  
32 where the Tlingit get herring, hunting and make camps, that  
33 is why I think this country belongs to us. Long, long time  
34 ago before the White people came to this country, our people  
35 lived here at certain places where they went hunting and  
36 fishing. When the Russians were here they did not have any  
37 stores in the Interior but they used to trade with our people  
38 here.

39  
40 I was a boy when this country was purchased. The  
41 soldiers came here to Wrangell and to Sitka. There was a  
42 Captain by the name of Smith who told us that the Americans  
43 had purchased this country, then the business men followed  
44 the soldiers. They commenced to trade with our people, our  
45 people did not object, did not say anything to them. By and  
46 by, they began to build canneries and take the creeks away  
47 from us when they -- where they make salmon. And when we  
48 told them those creeks belonged to us they would pay no  
49 attention to us and said this country belonged to the



50 President, the big Chief at Washington. We have places where

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1 we have used to trap and now the White man get up on these  
2 grounds. They tell us that they are hunting for gold but the  
3 judges and the Governor tells them to look for gold. We know  
4 the White people get lots of gold money out of these places  
5 as well as out of the Yukon River. Here at this place, as  
6 well as other places they take away our property, take away  
7 ground and when we complain about that they employ a lawyer  
8 and go to court and win the case. Sound familiar.

9  
10 There are animals and fish at places where they make  
11 homes. We are not fish. We like to live like other people  
12 live. We make this compliant because we are very poor now.  
13 The time will come when we will not have anything left. The  
14 money and everything else in this country will be the  
15 property of the White man and our people will have nothing.

16  
17 We meet here tonight for the purpose for you to write  
18 to the Chief in Washington and let them know our complaint.  
19 We also ask him to return our creeks and our hunting grounds  
20 the White people have taken away from us. Of course, we are  
21 not as powerful as the White people and we have no soldiers,  
22 we have no strength. We ask the big Chief in Washington as  
23 children ask their fathers, the missionaries and teachers  
24 tell us that no one but God make the people. We know the  
25 same God made us. And God placed us here like people that  
26 are smart, our people are not as smart as the White people in  
27 their our ways. I added that.

28  
29 I have a very fine name, they call themselves White  
30 people, just like the sun shining on the earth, they are  
31 powerful. They have power. They have man of wars. It is  
32 not right for such a powerful people as you to take away from  
33 poor people like we are, our creeks and our hunting grounds.  
34 Among our people we have Chiefs, we have nice people and that  
35 is why I think the White people are our chiefs. A long time  
36 ago our fathers used to tell children who was the Chief and  
37 what happened long time ago and that is why we know how the  
38 Chiefs are made and what our ancestors used to do. President  
39 R.Johnson Kooksee and another young man who are Chiefs and  
40 also old men by the name of Shulatae. We do not ask the  
41 whole of Alaska, we simply ask the President to give us  
42 ground where we can raise vegetables and places where we can  
43 hunt and prepare fish. We do not want all these things, we  
44 ask for by force. We have eyes, we have senses, we see you  
45 are powerful, we do not want to be angry with you, we want to  
46 be friends with you. We simply ask that you give us all  
47 these things.

48  
49 What I am saying to you now are the words of our

50 people of a great many different villages, the Taku, Sitka,

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1 Chilkat and other places. We get married and take our wives  
2 from one village to the other and what I am saying to you now  
3 are the words of our Tlingit.

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5 There was a lot more oratory at that meeting and  
6 Butch has the only copy that we have so he'll have to fill  
7 you in on the rest.

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9 I'd just like to know if anybody could answer me why  
10 I'm waiting for permission from any State or Federal agency  
11 to go out and practice my God given rights? To live on my  
12 grandfather's land and to subsist off that land as his  
13 grandfather's did. And I do a lot of research and I can't  
14 find that answer yet.

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16 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Well, what do you think is  
17 stopping you?

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19 MR. DUNLAP: Is that the okay?

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21 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Yeah.

22  
23 MR. DUNLAP: Thank you.

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25 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Thank you.

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27 MR. MARTIN: Mr. Chair.

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29 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: John Q, (In Native)

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31 MR. MARTIN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, members  
32 of the Council. Harold Martin Southeast Native Subsistence  
33 Commission. I have to run off to another meeting. I wouldn't  
34 feel right if I didn't express my appreciation to you and to  
35 the Council for all the expertise you have and understanding  
36 and the scrutinizing of -- it was a pleasure to work with  
37 you. I'll see you wherever you have your next meeting.

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39 Thank you.

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41 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Thank you. Mr. McKinley.

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43 MR. MCKINLEY: Thank you very much Mr.  
44 President and members of the Board.

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46 It seems like everybody's talking about the mountains  
47 and I was named after the biggest mountain in Alaska.

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49 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: No, it was named after you.



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1 MR. MCKINLEY: Right. Well, first of all  
2 everybody seems to be talking about history and my dad was  
3 very -- one of the few high school graduates in Hoonah and he  
4 taught us a lot of things. And one of the things was, he was  
5 the recording secretary over there in Hoonah, he didn't want  
6 to be President but just the recording secretary. But he  
7 told me once that the Federal government actually is trying  
8 to put us on a reservation like the Lower 48 Indians and our  
9 people were fighting, fight that concept and idea. So  
10 finally we were losing the battle and so our people finally  
11 said go ahead, put us on a reservation and the Federal  
12 government at that time, it wasn't the State and the Federal  
13 government said, okay, we'll put you on a reservation and  
14 right now the Federal government has said, okay, stake out  
15 the place where you do your fishing and hunting, where you  
16 pick berries and so forth, our people staked out and gave the  
17 information to the Federal government and it turned out to be  
18 the entire Southeast Alaska. So the Federal government came  
19 back, hey, wait a minute, let's do this over again, so that's  
20 what happened about the history of our people. And we are  
21 not stupid or dumb at all, you know, I'm not a dumb person,  
22 you know, like they say we are, I'm just as smart as the non-  
23 Native.

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25 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Well, we just won't comment  
26 on that.

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28 MR. MCKINLEY: Thank you. That's the whole  
29 concept of our history. But I see in the transition that's  
30 here listening, like I said previously when I came here that  
31 I'm here to observe. I'm also an executive committee member  
32 of the Alaska Native Brotherhood Grand Camp and I'm also a  
33 delegate to Central Council Tlingit-Haida representing our  
34 people. I'm speaking for my people right now in Juneau. But  
35 other recommendations made by the Federal government is that  
36 our Hoonah people are very generous to us even though we stay  
37 here, like some idea might actually convey to them is before  
38 the recommendations are approved entirely it should be  
39 ratified by the villages because two heads is better than  
40 one. And actually right now is that I can go to Hoonah and  
41 actually hunt on our private land it's allowable over by  
42 Hoonah people. That's one idea that you might actually look  
43 at, evaluate, analyze, all these things that people are  
44 talking about.

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46 But as far as the transition is going, I see lots of  
47 improvement. Lots of improvement different from the State  
48 government. Right now I know the Governor don't like us, you  
49 know, and our people don't like him either.



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1 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Who is the Governor?

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3 MR. McKINLEY: I don't know. What's his  
4 name? And I went to AFN convention up in Anchorage and there  
5 was lots of very upset people and I was very, very, very  
6 upset too. And right now we should actually work with the  
7 Federal government like we have the government-to-government  
8 relationship. And I see the change where we were not allowed  
9 king salmon, coho, now it's being allowed for our people  
10 which is a big plus as far as the transition is going. But  
11 lots of people in this town, not only this town but  
12 throughout Southeast Alaska would like to have halibut  
13 included. Not using stations or anything like that but just  
14 simply jig. Jig the way our people used to do it long ago.  
15 And I don't think we will actually deplete the stock by doing  
16 that. And that's the other recommendation that would  
17 actually allow for your people to actually analyze so our  
18 people could actually eat halibut just as well like they used  
19 to.

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21 And I see a big plus with the Federal government and  
22 I'll be willing to help while I'm still alive, if I'm still  
23 alive around here so, you know, but I know -- I congratulate  
24 you people for doing a good job. And if you need any help on  
25 contracting I'll help you people. I've written many  
26 contracts, auditing and so forth. I can do all that. I  
27 thank you very much and I thank Billy for -- and Yakutat  
28 where they want to go and proceed with contracting -- and our  
29 people have been talking about contracting for over 20 years  
30 now. Over 20 years we have submitted resolutions from the  
31 Central Council, Tlingit-Haida, Grand Camp ANB; how long is  
32 it going to take before we study it. We've been studying  
33 this to death. So let's stop and get on with it.

34  
35 We have -- the Governor -- I mean the President of  
36 the United States and the vice President committed over nine  
37 billion dollars, that's over two billion dollars over fiscal  
38 year 2000 so there's going to be lots of money available and  
39 some of this money could be transferable to the current year  
40 as we proceed. If you want to know something about finance  
41 and government accounting I'll be glad to help.

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43 And I thank you very much, do a good job,  
44 congratulations.

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46 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Muchas gracias.

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48 MR. McKINLEY: Ci. And for your information  
49 I actually got adopted by a se orita from New Mexico, her



50 name was Ann Maria Via Lobos and Via Lobos, that was her name

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1 but I used to call her Bella Lobos and she used to tell me,  
2 that's not the way to pronounce that name Alfred.

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4 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: That's Kogwaantaan Mexican.

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6 MR. McKINLEY: And I told her that if you  
7 come to Alaska I'll adopt you, too, but not marriage or  
8 nothing like that, you know.

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10 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: (In Native). (In Native).

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12 MR. McKINLEY: (In Native) In Hoonah they  
13 call it (In Native).

14  
15 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: (In Native).

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17 MR. STOKES: You better quit while you're  
18 ahead.

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20 MR. ADAMS: Mr. Chairman, I'm getting more  
21 and more confused about this man, I think he's going through  
22 an identity crises.

23  
24 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Uh-huh. I'm ready for a  
25 break but you guys want to go home, don't you? If there's no  
26 more new business, no more monkey business, we are now to 9F,  
27 time and place of the next public meeting. I had a proxy  
28 left with me and I don't know if anybody else but the  
29 Hydaburg representative said that she was formally inviting  
30 the next meeting to Hydaburg. And I said if any other  
31 community invites the public meeting to another community our  
32 decision is based on availability and generosity of  
33 traditional foods when we get there. She said we'll top  
34 anything anybody could offer. So do I hear any takers.

35  
36 MR. KOOKESH: Mr. Chairman, so moved.

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38 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay, Hydaburg it is.

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40 MS. WILSON: Sitka invited also.

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42 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Who?

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44 MS. WILSON: Sitka.

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46 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: In the spring time.

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48 MS. WILSON: Spring time.

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CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Uh-huh.

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1 MS. WILSON: Okay.

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3 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: We don't want to go there  
4 when nothing's happening, we want to go there when there's  
5 something going on.

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7 MS. WILSON: Yeah, I forgot about that.

8  
9 MR. CLARK: Mr. Chairman, in speaking with  
10 Jack Lorrigan about his invitation he was suggesting that  
11 even though it's not spring time the Council may want to go  
12 there because Herman and Martha aren't getting any younger,  
13 and if the Council wanted to do their honoring of Herman that  
14 would be a good place to do it.

15  
16 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: We may be having a special  
17 meeting. We got a lot put in our pot today and our quasi is  
18 overflowing so there's a good chance we'll request for  
19 another meeting of the Council and Sitka will probably be the  
20 preferred site for that. And I think that would be a good  
21 time for us to put some bread and butter items on our agenda.  
22 Does that sound like a plan?

23  
24 MR. CLARK: Yes.

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26 MS. STEVENS: Will that be before the  
27 September or October meeting?

28  
29 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Yeah.

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31 MS. RUDOLPH: Jack Lorrigan said to tell you  
32 herring is next week.

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34 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Well, then you want to meet  
35 next week?

36  
37 MS. RUDOLPH: Yeah.

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39 MR. CLARK: Next week in Sitka.

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41 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: The (In Native) are really  
42 making trouble up here aren't they?

43  
44 MR. CLARK: Mr. Chairman, the Advisory  
45 Council meeting window is also in your booklet, I think on  
46 the final page so it starts on September 10th and ends on  
47 October 21st. There were some copies on the table before  
48 that showed the meetings that have already been set up. The  
49 only time frame that we might want to avoid other than AFN is

50 the Southcentral meeting which is September 21st and the

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1 22nd.

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3 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: What's wrong with September

4 12th?

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6 MR. CLARK: Nothing that I've heard.

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8 MR. ADAMS: Mr. Chairman, that wouldn't work

9 for me I'm right in the middle of fishing season. October

10 [sic] would be better for me.

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12 MR. CLARK: October?

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14 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: This is a subsistence

15 committee.

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17 MR. ADAMS: I know.

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19 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: You should have all your

20 subsistence up by then.

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22 MR. ADAMS: By that time I'll have all of my

23 subsistence needs taken care of.

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25 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: And then you'll be into

26 commercial.

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28 MR. ADAMS: Yes, I suppose.

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30 MR. KOOKESH: Mr. Chairman.

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32 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Floyd.

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34 MR. KOOKESH: You have a calendar?

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36 MR. CLARK: Yes, there's one in your book.

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38 MR. KOOKESH: I mean a real -- what is the

39 first Tuesday in October.

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41 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: The first Tuesday in

42 October is October 3rd.

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44 MR. KOOKESH: October 3rd.

45

46 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Yeah.

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48 MR. KOOKESH: And is this Sunday, Monday and

49 Tuesday?



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1 MR. CLARK: Yeah.

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3 MR. KOOKESH: I have city elections at that  
4 time.

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6 MS. STEVENS: How about October 10th.

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8 MR. CLARK: That's my son's birthday.

9  
10 MS. STEVENS: Well, how about the 11th then;  
11 it's somebody's birthday that day.

12  
13 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: How about Columbus Day.

14  
15 MS. STEVENS: Yeah, right.

16  
17 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Just for a protest.

18  
19 MS. STEVENS: I move for October 12th --

20 11th.

21  
22 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay, there's been a motion  
23 for 12, 11.

24  
25 MR. CLARK: It could be two or three days, we  
26 haven't talked about whether it would be two or three days.  
27 We can set it at a tentative three days and then if it looks  
28 like there won't be enough to do for three days we can cut it  
29 down to two.

30  
31 MS. WILSON: Does anybody know when the  
32 ANS/ANB convention is?

33  
34 MR. CLARK: Yeah, it's the 19th, 20th and  
35 21st of October?

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37 MR. JOHNSON: ANB or AFN?

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39 MS. WILSON: That's AFN.

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41 MR. CLARK: That's AFN, sorry. Sorry.

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43 MS. WILSON: ANB.

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45 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: ANB is the last week of the  
46 month.

47  
48 MS. EVERSON: October 30 to November 4.

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MS. WILSON: Okay.

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1 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Two months it's going to  
2 last.

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4 MR. STOKES: How about the 11th to the 13th?

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6 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: I need a motion.

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8 MR. STOKES: I move that we have our next  
9 meeting October 11th through October 13th.

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11 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Do I hear a second.

12  
13 MR. KOOKESH: Second.

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15 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: All those in favor say aye.

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17 IN UNISON: Aye.

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19 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Those opposed no.

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21 (No opposing votes)

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23 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay.

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25 MS. RUDOLPH: In Hydaburg?

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27 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: In Hydaburg. Okay, that  
28 concludes our agenda. It's been our practice at the end of  
29 every session that we allow for public comments, agency  
30 comments, tribal comments and Council comments, kind of like  
31 the good of the order from Grand Camp. So I want Grand Camp  
32 to be a good example, show your stuff. We won't allow  
33 radicals, anybody that doesn't support the Constitution or  
34 recognize this as their government.

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36 Okay, agency first -- no public. Public first.  
37 Where's John Q, oh, he left. Any public that has any  
38 comments they want to share with us, how about the Seiner's  
39 Association, you've been pretty quiet. You've been a good  
40 observer, very gracious in your patience. Your virtues are  
41 to be commended.

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43 MR. BEDFORD: Well, Mr. Chairman, I want to  
44 thank you and I want to say that you make observing easy and  
45 I appreciate the opportunity to watch the work that you  
46 people do. Once again, I was here to observe and to learn  
47 about the process. And I don't really have any substantive  
48 comments to make at this point but to say that once again,  
49 thank you for coming to Juneau and thank you for giving us

50 the opportunity to see you at your work.

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1 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Thank you. Thank you for  
2 being here. I guess you speak for the whole public. Okay,  
3 agency people.

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5 MS. HILDEBRAND: Ida Hildebrand, BIA Staff  
6 Committee member. Thank you, Mr. Chair. I just wanted to  
7 say thank you to the Douglas people and the Douglas IRA for  
8 putting on that feed and the dance last night, I really  
9 appreciate that. I appreciate their hospitality. I  
10 appreciate the patience of this Council.

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12 Thank you.

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14 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Thank you. Any more  
15 agency.

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17 MR. TUREK: Mike Turek, Fish and Game,  
18 Division of Subsistence. I'd just like to thank you once  
19 again for coming to Douglas for the meeting. I'd like to  
20 thank the Douglas Indian Association for hosting this. And  
21 I would like to just say I'm looking forward to continuing to  
22 work with you, especially now that the fisheries program is  
23 underway. And looking forward to Hydaburg in the fall.

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25 Thank you.

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27 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Thank you, Mike. More  
28 agency or urgency.

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30 MR. CASIPIT: Cal Casipit, U.S. Forest  
31 Service here in Juneau. I just wanted to also thank the  
32 Douglas Indian Association for that great feed last night.  
33 I really enjoyed the seal oil. Whoever made the seal oil it  
34 was great, it was really good. Thanks.

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36 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: I wonder who got the seal.  
37 Dave.

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39 MR. JOHNSON: Mr. Chairman and Council, I'd  
40 like to say again -- express appreciation for being able to  
41 work with the Council and I also want to say thanks to the  
42 Douglas Indian Association. And for the work that Helen and  
43 some of the other staff did in helping provide copies of  
44 things for us for the Council and I look forward to seeing  
45 you on Prince of Wales in the fall.

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47 MR. CLARK: I wanted to express my  
48 appreciation to a lot of people who helped put this meeting  
49 together. Helen Dangle back here in the back really helped

50 a lot in getting the poster and the announcements for the

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1 feed. I saw her running back and forth making copies all the  
2 time for the Council, all those piles of paper that you get  
3 to take home you get to blame Helen for. I think we gave the  
4 copy machine a good workout. And then after she finished  
5 here she went and helped out over at the subsistence feed  
6 last night, so, Helen, thank you very much. And also to  
7 Harold Frank, who helped get all this organized and helped me  
8 find out a good place to have the meeting. I think that  
9 Mike's Place worked out really well. It's a good facility  
10 here for this type of meeting.

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12 I wanted to thank the other Federal Staff, the Forest  
13 Service people for doing such good work as a build up.  
14 People from Office of Subsistence management for all the work  
15 that they do, kind of in the background. We only get to see  
16 them every once in a while here in Southeast and it's always  
17 good to have their insight. People from the Department who  
18 are here like, Mike Turek, have been really helpful in  
19 getting projects lined out -- lined up and on the way. And  
20 to other folks here who are participating in other ways, the  
21 Park Service, Jim, you know, always participating in  
22 analyzing the applications and interviewing people for --  
23 their potentially being members of the Council.

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25 And finally the Council members themselves, I never  
26 cease to be amazed at the level of your insight and  
27 dedication to Title VIII, protecting customary and  
28 traditional uses throughout the region. So thank you very  
29 much.

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31 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Thank you, Fred. Are there  
32 further agencies that would like to comment. Okay, moving  
33 into tribal, any comments from the tribal community. Okay.

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35 MR. WILLARD: Mr. Chairman.

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37 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Robert.

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39 MR. WILLARD: I just want to say that we  
40 appreciate the Council and its work and their insight into  
41 our way of life. The Juneau area appreciates the agencies  
42 and the Council. It's been difficult here and probably  
43 Ketchikan as well.

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45 And I want to repeat -- I mentioned that I talked to  
46 the University of Alaska students and I closed with a simple  
47 statement, that we would not give up our subsistence  
48 lifestyle, subsistence culture no matter what kind of law, no  
49 matter what kind of regulation, no matter what kind of

50 policy, no matter what may come our way, no matter what may

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1 be said, we would continue no matter what. And maybe we're  
2 coming to that point. We can continue to revive our cultural  
3 existence here in Juneau. And it's a hope that we hope and  
4 pray will happen.

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6 And there's just a couple of technical points that  
7 you might bear in mind. I mentioned to Mr. Kookesh, when  
8 they talk about Section .810 of Title VIII, wildlife habitat  
9 protection. Don't forget the feed areas of the wildlife  
10 require protection as well. And I mentioned to the Chairman  
11 about the use of gaff hooks as legal gear and that probably  
12 needs to be written into the definition in your Federal book.  
13 And there's the allocation of subsistence assessment needs  
14 should include the amount necessary for cultural contribution  
15 not just to feed your own family. But we do make cultural  
16 contributions and that should be taken into account.

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18 And we appreciate all the agency assistance and  
19 again, I want to thank you all and I do acknowledge the  
20 Douglas Indian Association as well. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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22 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Thank you. Further tribal  
23 comments. You're second Nels, ladies first. But you can sit  
24 down by her.

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26 MR. LAWSON: Thank you.

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28 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Uh-huh.

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30 MR. LAWSON: Closely.

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32 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Uh-huh. Look at her moving  
33 away from you.

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35 MS. DANGLE: Good afternoon. I'm Helen  
36 Dangle, the environmental technician for Douglas Indian  
37 Association. And on behalf of our organization I'd like to  
38 thank the Council for having the meeting here in Douglas and  
39 for using Mike's Place. It's been our pleasure to have you  
40 here and to help out organizing this meeting.

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42 I hope everyone enjoyed the dinner last night. It  
43 was a pretty good success. I'd like to thank you and hope  
44 you enjoyed it. I'd especially like to thank Ray Nielsen  
45 from Sitka for the herring, the fried herring that was there  
46 last night. He wanted to make sure that the Council members  
47 got that. The herring was for the Council and it was served  
48 to everyone. And also Jack Lorrigan of Sitka Tribe for  
49 providing the herring eggs. The other thing was the



50 subsistence foods dinner was something that our people have

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1 done for years, for centuries and we're still continuing that  
2 so I think it's important to say we're still using our  
3 subsistence foods.

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5 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Thank you. Anybody enjoy  
6 last night's dinner.

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8 (Applause)

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10 MR. LAWSON: I just want to express my thanks  
11 and appreciation to the Council for their hard work. I thank  
12 Douglas Indian Association for their hard work and especially  
13 for the dinner last night. There was something very  
14 important or very wonderful that happened at the dinner last  
15 night. The Douglas community in cooperation with Juneau  
16 community showed us their treasures, their most precious  
17 treasures, the brought their treasure out for us. Those  
18 treasures are their children. Our children are our most  
19 important treasures and when a community brings their  
20 children out for their guest you know you have a very good  
21 welcome.

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23 Thank you.

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25 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Thank you, Nels. Any other  
26 tribal comments. Okay, that brings us now to Council  
27 comments starting with Marilyn.

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29 MS. WILSON: It's always hard to say thank  
30 you because this was a good meeting and it's a joy to work  
31 with the Council and it's a show to have all the help from  
32 the State and Federal agencies that are always helping. And  
33 I thank Douglas Indian Association for inviting us here. And  
34 it was such a great honor to attend that dinner, I felt like  
35 our Council was being honored very highly and also our  
36 Federal and State people because they're part of us because  
37 they help us in our need and to help us understand what we  
38 need to do. And this is along with the people that help us  
39 to understand the situations and the different communities  
40 because all of us do not know each community and the needs  
41 that they have or the problems. So all of these people that  
42 get up and speak really help us to understand the situations  
43 in each village and community. And I'm very happy to see  
44 that the urban area still eats their traditional foods.

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46 (In Native)

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48 MR. STOKES: We pause briefly for station  
49 identification. This is the ex-lax program are you

50 listening.

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1 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Salena, turn him off.

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3 MR. STOKES: Bill, said this wasn't a very  
4 serious thing and he wanted to make some light of it?

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6 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Father who?

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8 MR. STOKES: Yes. Well, this has been a real  
9 learning situation for me. This is my first meeting and I've  
10 enjoyed working with my fellow Council people. And all the  
11 professional staff, I really appreciate you. Thank you.

12  
13 I really enjoyed that dinner last night, except they  
14 should have provided one other thing -- or two other things,  
15 after dinner I usually sit back in my big chair and watch the  
16 news, we didn't have that. But thank you very much.

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18 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Did I see somebody who  
19 wanted to be recognized?

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21 MS. EVERSON: Yes, Mr. Chair.

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23 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Where were you when I  
24 called you? (In Native) (In Native)

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26 MS. EVERSON: Thank you, Brother Bill.  
27 Brothers and sisters, guests, agency staff. I'd like to  
28 express (In Native).

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30 To Douglas Indian Association (In Native).

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32 To Ray Nielsen (In Native), he's a raven, he's my  
33 brother. Thank you so very much for the herring. Brother  
34 Ray Nielsen (In Native).

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36 I'll translate into Italian.

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38 No, I merely thanked the Council and glad I could be  
39 here. It was a learning process for me and I would like to  
40 thank Douglas Indian Association for all the work they've  
41 done. And to the agency staff, I would like to convey my  
42 thank you for (In Native) to try to understand our  
43 traditional knowledge. Thank you very much Federal agency,  
44 State agency, any agencies that are present that I may have  
45 missed, I would just like to say thank you.

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47 And for the good of the Order, I will say to you;  
48 carry on the good work that you're doing with courage,  
49 honesty, integrity and always looking to God for prayer and

50 guidance and strength.

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1           And with that, I'll conclude and say once again, to  
2 the agency staff, God bless you all for being here, for  
3 caring enough to spend their time to work with us and to help  
4 us understand all the legal things that they know. Thank you  
5 very much.

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7           (In Native)

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9           Muchas Gracias.

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11           CHAIRMAN THOMAS: If I had the incentive  
12 Staff had I'd do a better job too. Your Honor.

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14           MR. KOOKESH: First I'd like to begin by  
15 thanking the Douglas Indian Association for inviting us to  
16 your community and also to thank you very much for the dinner  
17 we had last night. I think it's very important that we say,  
18 thank you. We really do appreciate this.

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20           One of the roles I believe we play when we come to a  
21 community, to every community, is that we begin -- well, I'll  
22 give you a good example. When the Council came to Angoon, I  
23 know for a fact that our community was more enlightened, we  
24 became more aware of our role in subsistence and we also  
25 became aware that Title VIII is a very important document as  
26 related to us by our Chairman. I believe that now that we  
27 know what our role is, you and I, I think we can do a better  
28 job. As my brother Albert says, we play a very important  
29 role here and I recognize what he's saying, Albert, that we  
30 do.

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32           Thank you.

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34           CHAIRMAN THOMAS: What about your adopted  
35 brother?

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37           MR. KOOKESH: Matt?

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39           CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Uh-huh.

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41           MR. KOOKESH: I told him you were adopted.

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43           CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Do you want to defend  
44 yourself?

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46           MR. M. KOOKESH: I was the same place Selina  
47 was when you asked for comment. Brother Floyd forgot  
48 something, so did Harold Martin.

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CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Is he your true brother,

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1 how does this work?

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3 MR. M. KOOKESH: It just depends, I guess.

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5 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Was he adopted or you?

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7 MR. M. KOOKESH: Well, I came first so I  
8 guess he's adopted.

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10 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: See, he's honorable that's  
11 why I took him at his word.

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13 MR. M. KOOKESH: I have an announcement here.

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15 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Hooray.

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17 MR. M. KOOKESH: Well, first I'm sorry, I  
18 guess I missed a great dinner, I wasn't here yesterday. But  
19 Harold Martin was announcing that the Alaska Native Harbor  
20 Seal Commission meeting is April 16th, he's wrong. We've  
21 invited -- Floyd did, Floyd invited the Alaska Native Harbor  
22 Seal Commission to Angoon October 18th through the 20th --  
23 excuse me, April 18th through the 20th, and we're having a  
24 subsistence feed for them just like we did when we invited  
25 you guys. We're going to have a sea lion and we're going to  
26 have Lilly Nelsaws from Seldovia show us how to do it again  
27 because it's something we don't do very often is cut up sea  
28 lion. So I'd like to invite everybody here if you can make  
29 it, to come to Angoon, April 18th through the 20th.

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31 Thank you.

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33 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Thank you.

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35 MS. RUDOLPH: I'm Mary Rudolph from Hoonah.  
36 I, too, would like to thank Douglas for the hospitality they  
37 gave us. The dinner feed they gave us. It always makes me  
38 feel humble when we finally all get together and can talk and  
39 laugh and sit with each other and enjoy each other's company.  
40 And I truly felt this last night as I watched the children  
41 coming in dancing and to hear them speak our language was the  
42 most touching thing for me to watch them as they spoke their  
43 language.

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45 I was fortunate enough to be raised with my  
46 grandmother. She didn't speak a word of English so I spoke  
47 Tlingit. So now that my mother is getting older she's gone  
48 totally back to her Native tongue so we only speak Tlingit at  
49 home. So it was really, really touching to see these young



50 kids come forward and speak their language. It kind of put

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1 the icing on the cake, I thought, until I heard Cal had seal  
2 grease and I didn't. But the feast itself was really great.

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4 And everything, the Staff, thank you to the Staff,  
5 all the ones that contributed everything and was so patient  
6 with us. I think Ida was ready to disown us but she hung in  
7 there. There was so much confusion here so -- but we  
8 appreciate all of you that has -- had a lot to put into this  
9 meeting. I, too, have been in here for a while, but I feel  
10 this time I'm going home with something kind of solid with  
11 something to give to our tribal members to let them know the  
12 importance of putting in their input and letting them know  
13 they need to get their concerns brought forward and hopefully  
14 at the next meeting we'll do this.

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16 But, again, enjoyed the trip over and enjoyed meeting  
17 new faces, enjoyed the whole thing with Douglas Indian  
18 Association. Again, thank you to them for the gracious  
19 invite.

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21 Thank you.

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23 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Bert.

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25 MR. ADAMS: I thought you were going to save  
26 the best for last.

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28 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: I am.

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30 MR. ADAMS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Now, I  
31 don't know what to say.

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33 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: That's why you're not last.

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35 MR. ADAMS: Well, you know, this is my second  
36 meeting and you know it's one of the most organized Councils  
37 that I have ever been on besides, you know, the one that I  
38 take care of in Yakutat. So I want to compliment this body  
39 here for their wisdom and the knowledge that they have of  
40 subsistence and I want to thank, you know, the Staff, Fred  
41 and David and Cal, for all of the work that they do, you  
42 know, behind the lines, and other agency people as well.

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44 I really appreciate the food that we had last night  
45 and I want to thank Douglas Indian Association for hosting  
46 this meeting and I think it was a real productive one.

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48 We learn more and more each time, and like Mary said,  
49 you know, we're going home with something solid that we can

50 share with our communities so -- and our villages. So I just

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1 want to continue on with this kind of forum. I think we're  
2 going to make a big difference.

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4 I, too, like Floyd, realized just how important this  
5 Council was when Representative Kookesh made his speech last  
6 night and realizing, you know, that the State hasn't come  
7 forth with a policy or a constitutional amendment or a law  
8 that will come in compliance with ANILCA, that it is this  
9 body right here that is going to be carrying the --  
10 shouldering the crux of all of the regulations that will come  
11 from the communities through us and to the Federal  
12 Subsistence Board for adoption. So I realized, you know,  
13 last night, just how important we really are and I promised  
14 myself that I would dedicate myself a little more to this  
15 process.

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17 So thank you. It's been a good meeting and I look  
18 forward to the next one.

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20 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: How come just a little bit  
21 more?

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23 MR. ADAMS: Pardon.

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25 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: You said you were going to  
26 dedicate just a little bit more.

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28 MR. ADAMS: I'm already spreading myself all  
29 around, Mr. Chairman, so I have to just, you know, dish it  
30 out here and there.....

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32 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: A little at a time.

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34 MR. ADAMS: .....a little at a time, yes.

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36 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay. Millie.

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38 MS. STEVENS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. First  
39 of all, I'd like to thank the Douglas Indian Association for  
40 a job well done. They're a very small tribe. We just  
41 appreciate your hospitality and everything that you did for  
42 us.

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44 To all of the agencies, you guys and gals are such a  
45 big, big help to us. As we move into the new area of  
46 fisheries, it scares me half to death but I look at it as a  
47 challenge, another challenge, a big challenge. What's  
48 happening with our state, the Governor, our legislator, it  
49 makes my hair stand on end and I think to myself, as an

50 individual, as an Alaska Native woman, what can I do to make

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1 a difference? And that difference is right here on the  
2 Federal Subsistence Board. I feel very honored that I was  
3 one of the Alaska Native women that was selected to sit on  
4 here. So I will do the very best of my ability to try and  
5 make that difference.

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7 On a very happy note, I do have an announcement to  
8 make. The Craig Community Association, our local IRA is --  
9 our tribal hall is going to be completed May 15th. This is  
10 our very first tribal hall. We're going to be hosting the  
11 common grounds workshop this year and we were looking at the  
12 3rd, 4th and 5th but there's another conflicting meeting  
13 that's going to be happening, the four Federally recognized  
14 tribes on POW, on the big island will be meeting with Larry  
15 Roberts next week, and as soon as we set a date, we will let  
16 everyone know, and I'm formally inviting each and every one  
17 of you, not only to come and share at our common grounds but  
18 to come and share the joy of our new building.

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20 And also I'd like to thank our recorder, she has sat  
21 here the last three days, has been very patient, every now  
22 and then she forgets to turn us on but she remembers.

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24 And to Mike's place for the lunches. And to our  
25 Chairman and to my dear, dear friend who entertained us today  
26 at noon, Selina, thank you.

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28 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Me, too.

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30 MS. STEVENS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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32 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Butch.

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34 MR. LAITI: As a new Council member, I was  
35 very impressed and I thank everybody, especially the Federal  
36 people for helping me learn this process. I wasn't sure what  
37 I was getting into when I was appointed here but I'm coming  
38 away with a lot more knowledge here. And like Floyd said,  
39 it's a real awakening experience. So I'd like to thank the  
40 Federal people. Also DIA. And I'd like to thank the  
41 Council for helping me along, too.

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43 And from DIA, we are looking at changing our name  
44 back to Taku, so I'd like you to know that because Douglas,  
45 you know, this doesn't represent the people who live here  
46 really. And I forgot to mention that Wanda did the drawing  
47 on the pamphlet that announced the meeting and there's a big  
48 portrait up in DIA where she -- you know, where the original  
49 copy of that is. So from DIA, I'd like to thank everyone for

50 being here.

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1                   CHAIRMAN THOMAS: We got a PS here.

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3                   MS. RUDOLPH: Yes, I wanted to -- also I  
4 forgot to mention the tribal members that participated in  
5 this meeting. I think I remember when I first started going  
6 to meetings there was hardly any tribal members that really  
7 knew what was going on. But to see the amount of comments  
8 and honor they've been showing us really makes me feel good  
9 in the process I'm going through. But again, I think the  
10 tribal members, like I've always said at home, it's important  
11 that you participate because you are our guide, you are  
12 telling us the things that we need to know for each area we  
13 visit. But I was very proud of the participation of the  
14 tribal members.

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16                  Thank you.

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18                  CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Thank you, Mary.

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20                  MS. RUDOLPH: Thank you, Salena.

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22                  CHAIRMAN THOMAS: I'd also like to thank the  
23 Douglas Indian Association for everything that was mentioned  
24 earlier. The outstanding hospitality, the entertainment, the  
25 demonstration of your knowledge and commitment to your  
26 culture. I think the demonstration of song and dance, food,  
27 comments, the attendance of the elders that could make it, I  
28 think was really a significant part of our trip here.

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30                  Sometimes we feel like just because you're in an area  
31 that hasn't been determined eligible under existing law from  
32 the Federal government, that you are pushed on the back  
33 burner but that isn't the case. There's nothing we, as a  
34 Council, can do about that. But there's nothing that  
35 prohibits us from meeting in these places. And we've met in  
36 Juneau before. Next winter we're going to meet in Kaktovik.

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38                  So anyway, I'm really proud of the Douglas Indian  
39 Association, all of them, many of them I don't know, some of  
40 them I do know, they did an outstanding job, and I just don't  
41 have the words to express my true feelings for that.

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43                  For the people that offered comment during this week  
44 in different areas, you expanded our insight, you touched up  
45 our sensitivities to some areas that we weren't real familiar  
46 with, and I think not only the Council but the Staff people,  
47 the support people here as well. That's important.

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49                  I continue to be thankful to the Staff for their



50 cooperating role in this process. I was especially honored

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1 to have served as the Chairman of this Council for as long as  
2 I have. I appreciate the support I get from the Council,  
3 their kindness and their generosity. I feel like I've really  
4 been blessed by that. And to the executive committee of the  
5 ANB and ANS, we're happy to see you here, you're an  
6 inspiration to us. Those of us that understand the  
7 organization it has a special meaning to us. To the  
8 Chucinadi's (ph), I don't know what I'm going to do with the  
9 Chucinadi's, we love you anyway, we're happy to see you, in  
10 spite of it all.

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12 And we're sorry about not representing Sitka anymore  
13 but some day we will again but don't tell Herman.

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15 Anyway, we enjoyed ourself in Douglas, in Juneau. I  
16 pretty near went to jail yesterday coming to the meeting, I  
17 was doing 97 miles an hour in a school zone, the cop pretty  
18 near ran out of gas trying to catch me. But I told him I was  
19 a VIP and that he should let me go and he did. But I thank  
20 everybody here for being here, have a good trip home and  
21 thanks again for the hospitality. And we'll see you at the  
22 Triangle, Triangle Al?

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24 MR. McKINLEY: No, St. Patty's Day at Lucky  
25 Lady.

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27 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Oh, Lucky Lady.

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29 MR. McKINLEY: So you celebrate it with me,  
30 McKinley.

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32 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Is there a motion to  
33 adjourn?

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35 MS. STEVENS: So moved.

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37 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: We're adjourned.

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39 (Off record)

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41 (END OF PROCEEDINGS)

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I, Joseph P. Kolasinski, Notary Public in and for the State  
of Alaska and Owner of Computer Matrix, do hereby certify:

THAT the foregoing pages numbered 295 through 411 contain a  
full, true and correct Transcript of the VOLUME III, SOUTHEAST  
FEDERAL SUBSISTENCE REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING, taken  
electronically by Salena Hile on the 16th day of March, 2000,  
beginning at the hour of 9:00 o'clock a.m. at Mike's Place,  
Douglas, Alaska;

THAT the transcript is a true and correct transcript  
requested to be transcribed and thereafter transcribed by under  
my direction and reduced to print to the best of our knowledge  
and ability;

THAT I am not an employee, attorney, or party interested in  
any way in this action.

DATED at Anchorage, Alaska, this 28th day of March, 2000.

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Joseph P. Kolasinski  
Notary Public in and for Alaska  
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